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Series of dorm intrusions occur early Sunday morning

Six female students' rooms were entered without permission

by Martin Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief

On Sunday May 4 between the hours of 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. a group of two to four male individuals entered, without permission, six different unlocked and occupied dormitory rooms belonging to female Hamilton students located in Bundy West, Bundy East, Dunham and North. The intruders called to the residents of the dormitory rooms by name as they entered, presumably reading the names off of the doors, and claimed they had met the resident earlier at "the tavern."

"Basically the intruders opened my door at 4 a.m., yelled my name, which was on my door, and started coming in, claiming they met me at the 'Tavern,'" said Nina Platt '10, a resident of Bundy East dormitory. "When I heard that name I realized they couldn't be Hamilton students, and based on my sight of them, which was lit by the hall light, I could also tell they were older than a college student. I started to scream, 'Get the #@$% out of my room!' over and over again, and they left. No one heard me screaming."

One resident of Dunham, who wished to remain anonymous, was also barged in upon while in her room early Sunday morning. "I was in my bed but awake when four men entered my room yelling my name. They turned on my light as they came in the door and I realized that I didn't recognize any of them. They all appeared intoxicated and at least two were carrying cans of beer," said the Dunham resident. "They offered me a beer and mentioned [by name] that they knew other Hamilton students."

Despite her rather jarring experience, she offered some check to fears among the student body. "While their actions were certainly inappropriate and possibly criminal, and while I do feel that my personal space and safety was violated, I don't believe they intended anyone physical harm," she said. "They just seemed like obnoxious drunks."

The incidents of Sunday morning were made public in an e-mail to the campus by Dean of Students Nancy Thompson on Monday afternoon. The e-mail included descriptions of two of the students. One was described as heavyset with a beard and in his late twenties to early thirties. Another was said to be tall and thin with a mustache.

Reports were filed early this week with Campus Safety and

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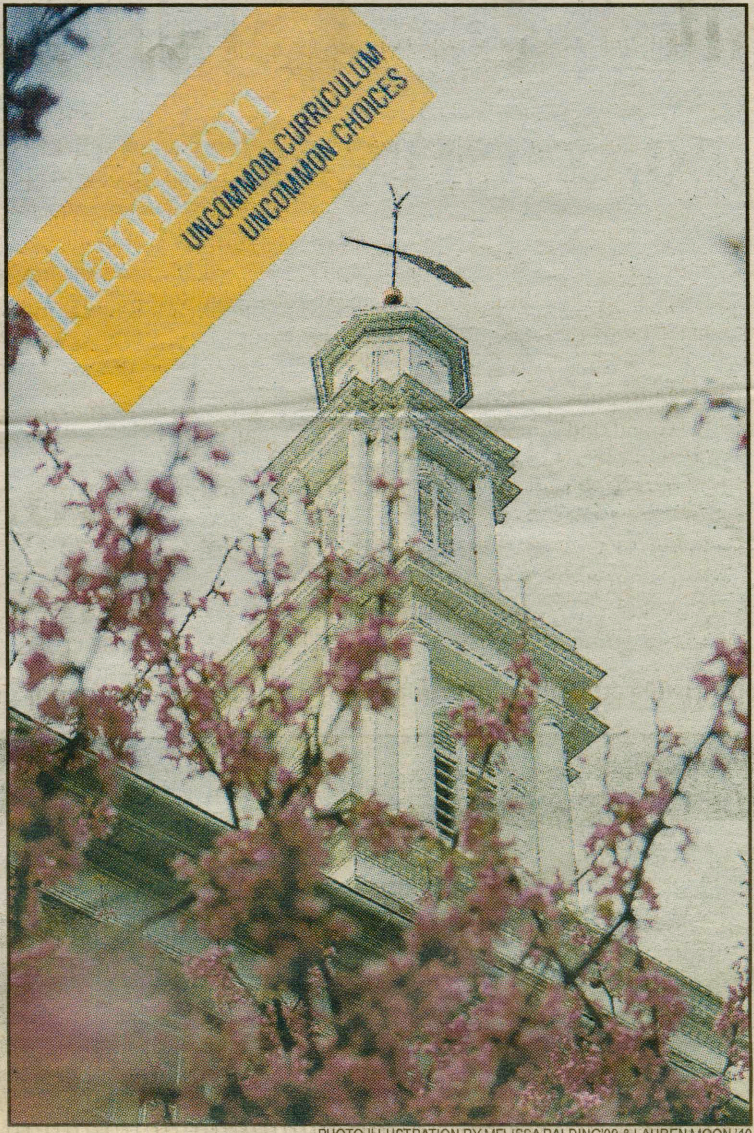

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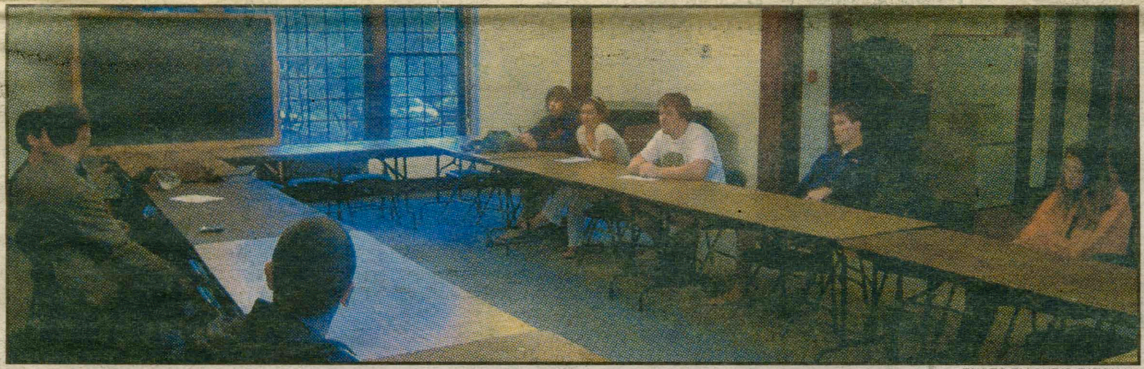
SJI and faculty are debating changing Hamilton's open curriculum to include a diversity course requirement.



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ISC members wait in ELS for the meeting to start during which the constitution was signed.

Inter Society Council signs new constitution into effect

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

On May 5, Hamilton's Inter Society Council proudly signed its new constitution into effect. According to the new constitution, "The purpose of the ISC shall be to serve as the student governing body for all recognized private societies at Hamilton College. The ISC will serve to promote the academic, philanthropic, administrative and social goals of member societies, the College, and the Annual Review Committee."

According to President of Delta Kappa Epsilon and ISC Co-Chair Dan Allen '09, "divided Greek life on campus is susceptible to stereotyping and criticism that seek to tarnish Greeks' image. United the ISC has the power to assert Greek identity for what it really is: an invaluable asset to the college experience. The strength of the constitution is the new ability for the ISC to act as an autonomous organization and manage its internal affairs independently."

The ISC is currently composed of the presidents of every recognized Greek organization on campus. Although not required to attend all meetings, the Dean of Students is the ISC advisor. "The ISC represents a wide variety of perspectives, and therefore it's sometimes hard to reach a consensus," said Assistant Dean of Students Lisa Magnarelli. "But on the other hand, everyone can count on being heard."

At the beginning of this calendar year, Allen and President of Tau Kappa Epsilon Marty Connor '09 were elected for a yearlong term as Co-Chairs of the ISC. As stated in the constitution, the President or Co-Chairs direct the weekly or biweekly meetings of the ISC, supervise elections of all committee chairs, serve as ISC representatives to the Alcohol

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SJI & faculty debate diversity

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

Because the Student Justice Initiative believes that issues of racial, sexual, and economic intolerance exist on our campus, SJI members have proposed three different ways to add a "diversity intensive" requirement to the curriculum. Corinne Bancroft '10, Geoffrey Hicks '09, and Jae Yong Kim '10 spoke at a faculty meeting two weeks ago in regard to adding the diversity requirements.

According to SJI, certain courses teach fundamental skills that may prepare students to approach issues of intolerance. "In certain courses I took during my freshman year I learned two important things," said Bancroft at the faculty meeting. "First, silence on these issues lets them stand. Not speaking up in racist situations or refusing to participate in dialogue about them perpetuates them. Secondly, I developed language, tools, and confidence to talk about these things." She emphasized, "Our concern is that a certain type of student self-selects into courses that teach these skills."

The students called on the faculty to help address these issues. "We don't really know how to define diversity or design an effective curriculum. All we know is that there is a problem and we need your help," said Kim.

SJI's proposal includes three different potential requirements to the curriculum. The first is a diversity intensive requirement, similar to the current writing intensive requirement. Like writing intensives, diversity intensives would be identified in almost every department. The second is a first year, semester-long seminar that, according to SJI member Amy Tannenbaum '10, "explores the intersection between race, class, and gender." Like the di

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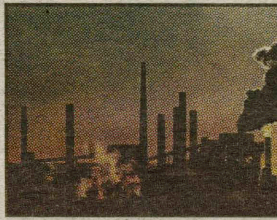

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SJI members propose diversity course requirement

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versity requirement, the seminar would be interdisciplinary. The third proposal is a departmental requirement, which would be necessary for a concentration. The different diversity intensive courses would be listed under requirements for a major.

Many believe that courses exploring issues of diversity are widely overlooked. "I didn't plan on taking an Africana class, but I did. Because it was so interdisciplinary, I was able to incorporate it with my literature philosophy courses. So, it was a great platform for me," said SJI member Chiquita Paschal '10.

Paschal is involved in other efforts to raise awareness of the socio-economic and racial divides on campus, including a multimedia presentation for freshman orientation next fall. "It's combining my activist radio program as well as interviews with students about their experience and the culture shock of people at Hamilton; it's about the need to get involved in matters of diversity. It is a way for students to see how they can incorporate a more global perspective of the world both personally and academically," she said. Pascal is also involved in an effort to make what she called an "informal guide to classes students generally overlook."

Some believe that designating certain courses as "diversity intensive," however, may not be as helpful as desired. "Here's my concern," said Professor of Linguistics Bonnie Urciuoli. "If you have particular courses that deal with these issues, people say okay, well these courses are about diversity, so the rest are not. But in fact there is probably a lot of coursework that deals with where the structures of inequality come from and how they get perpetuated."

Urciuoli believes a social honor code could be more effective than diversity intensive requirements: "Can requiring people to take a course or two change the social atmosphere? We used to have a cultural diversity requirement, but it didn't keep people engaging in this type of behavior. What's wrong with a social responsibility code?" she asked.

Regardless of the specific recommendations, there is a common goal in addressing issues of racial, sexual, and economic intolerance at Hamilton. "I think it is everyone's social responsibility to foster compassion and understanding of other cultures," said Emerson Sosa '10. "It sheds light on the privilege that people have and should be aware of."

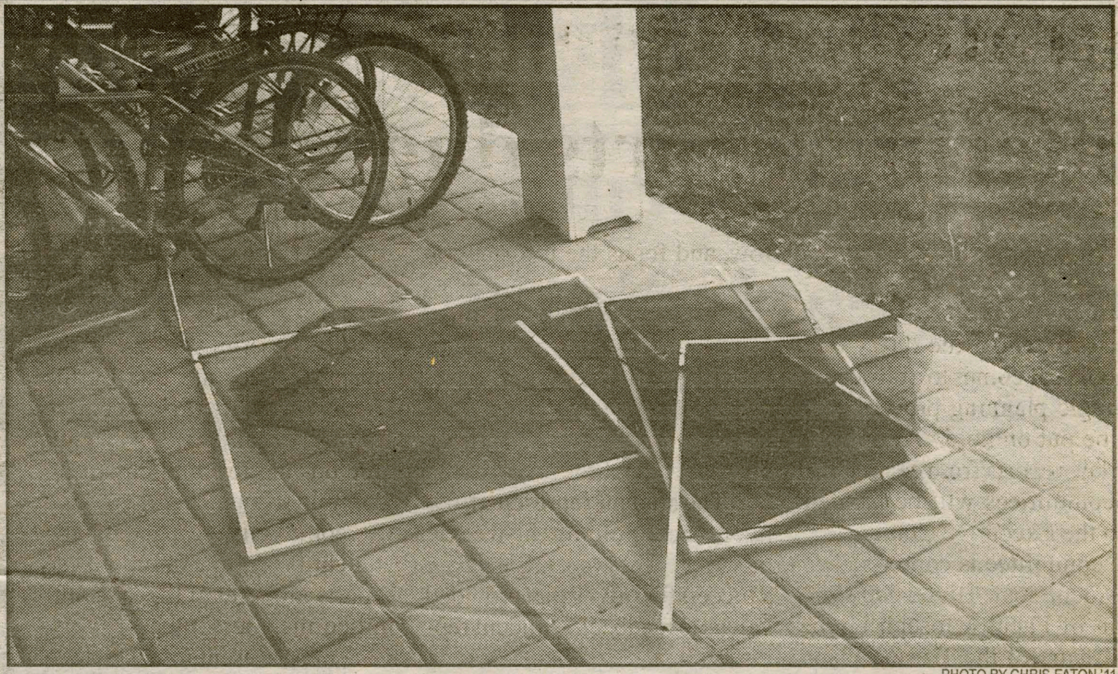

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Kirkland Police Department is investigating how the intruders got into North & Dunham.

Intruders awaken campus

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the Kirkland Police Department by five of the students whose rooms were entered sans assent on Sunday. According to Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, an investigation is currently underway, and campus safety is "working closely with KPD" to ensure that the situation is resolved effectively.

Dean Thompson followed up her first e-mail with an update on Wednesday afternoon clarifying several facts from her previous e-mail. Thompson again urged students to lock the doors to their rooms at all times, to keep exterior residence hall doors closed and locked, to keep ground-level windows closed and secured, and to report any suspicious people or activities to Campus Safety immediately.

"The College takes these incidents very seriously," read Thompson's e-mail. "Campus Safety has increased patrols in the residence halls, and I have reached out to the affected students. However, we need your help to ensure your safety and the safety of your friends and peers."

Despite Thompson's response, one of the six students whose rooms were entered on Sunday morning, who also requested that her name not be printed, criticized the schools response. She said that following an incident that "was clearly an attempted if not full blown assault on women" and that neither the Womyn's Center nor the Dean of Students office has been particularly supportive.

In response to these comments Thompson said that she has, in fact, reached out to all of the students involved. Because some of the students did not file reports until Monday afternoon, the Dean of Students office was not immediately aware of the full extent of the incidents. Thus it is possible that the student's comments were made prior to being contacted by Thompson's office.

Aside from increasing the Campus Safety patrols through dormitories, the College has taken a number of measures to ensure the safety of students. Campus Safety has posted signs on every exterior dormitory doorway reminding students to keep doors closed and locked at all times. Director of Residential Life Travis Hill sent an e-mail to all of the Residential Advisors on campus, asking them to ensure that exterior doors remain closed and locked, to report any suspicious people inside residents halls immediately, and to pass this information along to their advisees.

If you see anything suspicious, contact Campus Safety at x4000.

Hamilton's facelift: summer construction plans

by Alicia Wright '10
NEWS WRITER

While the addition to the Kirner Johnson building and work on Bristol Center may make Hamilton seem like a major construction zone, Physical Plant has many more projects planned while most students are away for the summer. Steve Bellona, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning, described the upcoming construction schedule as a "typical eleven week blitz" for the crew in Physical Plant. From academic buildings to residence halls, students will return in the fall to some changes on campus, some of which will be noticeable and others that could be overlooked. Besides the KJ addition, Bellona says Physical Plant plans around $3.4 million in smaller projects to be completed this summer.

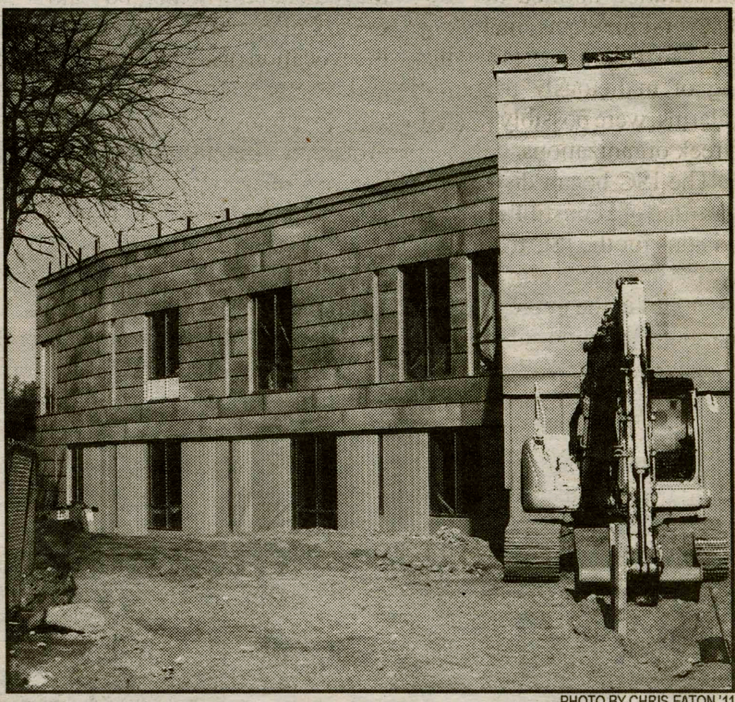
The construction on KJ will continue to be one of the major projects. By late July to early August, the addition should be complete so that classrooms and offices can be moved to the new portion of the building. The focus of the project will then shift to renovating the existing building, which is slated for completion by summer 2009.

Physical Plant will also work on remodeling several residence halls throughout the summer months. This summer, Milbank Residence Hall will be revamped in a similar fashion to Babbit Residence Hall's construction last summer. The upgrades to kitchenettes and bathrooms will begin right after Commencement and should be complete by August before students return.

Similar to last summer's work on the third floor of Dunham, the second floor tile will be replaced starting after reunion weekend. Keehn's floors will also change, as Physical Plant will recarpet the building and replace the old vinyl flooring with newer vinyl. Also, all residence halls will convert to the Hill Card proximity card system on outer door locks.

Smaller projects will bring more subtle changes to campus. Projects currently underway, such as the enhancements to Bristol center and the marker for the Litchfield Observatory outside the Siuda House, will be completed this summer. A brand new operational wind turbine will replace the current turbine on the South-side of campus to feed power to KJ. Low lighting along the driveway to the Glen House will be installed to shed a soft glow along the walkway. The exteriors of 3 College Hill Road and 100 College Hill Road will be painted. Physical Plant will also install some acoustic panels in McEwen Dining Hall to reduce noise levels. Other roof work, drainage problems, and energy saving projects will be addressed this summer.

Physical Plant has a full slate of work for the coming months, but Steve Bellona does not anticipate that any obstacles will hinder the progress. "The crew has their work cut out for them," he remarked. Bellona said that through the summer months, Physical Plant tries to maximize the amount of work the crew can complete to bring the campus up-to-date in its operational facilities. Thanks to the work of the 119 "miracle workers," as Bellona calls the Physical Plant staff, students return to a fresh, improved campus each fall.



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KJ extension will be completed in time for classes in August.

Strategic Planning update: Interim reports due

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

As the end of the 2007-2008 school year comes to a close, the strategic planning process will not be put on hold. At the end of May, reports from each of the subcommittees will be handed in to the Executive Committee. The committee is comprised of President Joan Hinde Stewart, Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo, Co-Chairs of the Trustee Planning Committee Susan Skerritt K'77 and Stephen Sadove '73, the Vice President of Administration and Finance Karen Leach, Student Assembly Representative Stuart Lombardi '09, and two faculty members. The committee will look over these reports and decide which parts pertain to the budget.

Over the next few weeks until the reports are due, the subcommittees are coming out of the information-gathering phase of the process, and are moving on to prioritize, narrow, and focus the information into reports. The members of the Steering Committee, formed by chairs of the subcommittees, have been meeting regularly with Dean Urgo to discuss the details of the reports and the process as a whole.

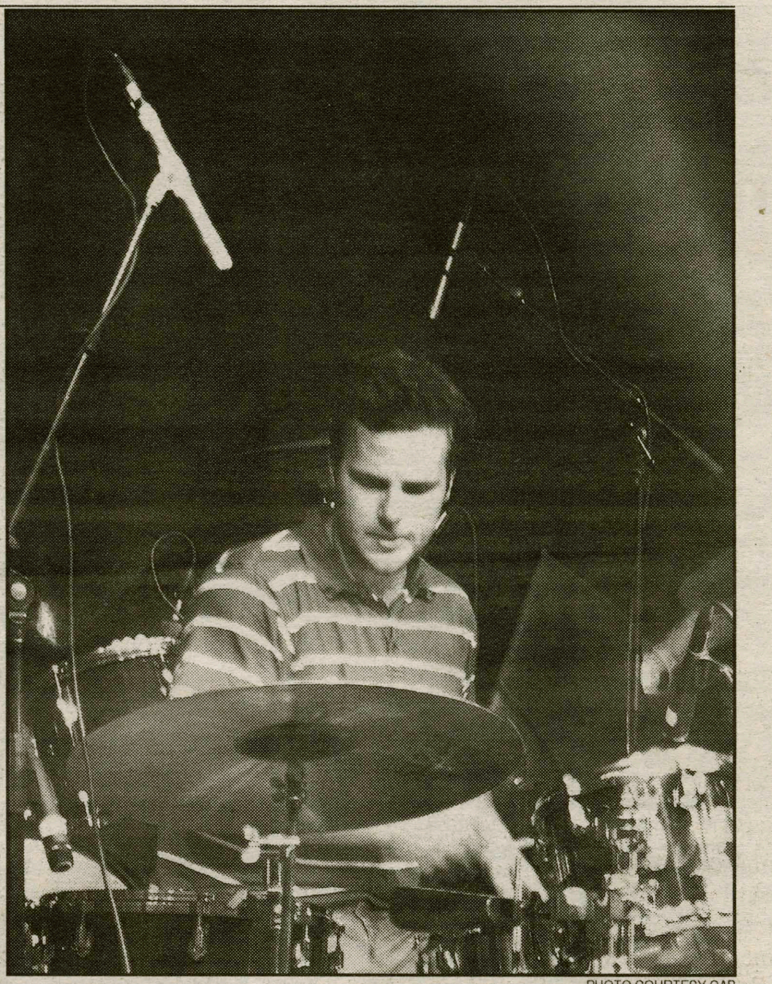
The student representatives have been holding bi-weekly meetings. They recently sent out a successful survey that provided valuable feedback. Student representatives would like to thank the community for participating in this survey.

The student representatives are now compiling a report from the student perspective, which will be given to Dean Urgo and the Executive Committee for summer review. The report will include priorities that students believe each committee should focus on. The feedback they received from the community in the survey was incredibly helpful to this process and will be influential in their report. In addition, the group plans to hold one final meeting before summer break to wrap up any final details that need to be addressed.

The interim reports of the subcommittees are due by the end of May to the Executive Committee and will be available on-line for public perusal. Committee members encourage the community, especially the student body, to examine these reports and e-mail the subcommittee members, chairs, or the student representatives if they have questions or concerns.

When the subcommittees come back in the fall, the Executive Committee will provide them with a critique of their reports and a list of what the Executive Committee thinks each subcommittee should focus on and discuss throughout the fall semester.

The reports can be found at a later date over the summer at http://my.hamilton.edu/strategicplan. This process is designed to be open and accessible to the community.



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Applewagon drummer Joey Campanella '08 at May Day.

May Day festivities

by Hali Baumstein '11
News Writer

On Saturday May 3, the Campus Activities Board, WHCL, Student Activities, and Student Assembly co-sponsored Hamilton's annual May Day celebration. The event featured fun inflatable attractions and live musical entertainment, both free of charge. Although May Day was scheduled to take place on the Steuben Football Field, a rainy forecast prompted the move to the Tolles Pavilion and the Events Barn at the last minute. Nevertheless, all of the scheduled events proceeded as planned regardless of the inclement weather. The looming clouds did not prevent anyone from attending the event, either. "We had a good turnout," said CAB e-board member Jessica Cox '10.

Starting at noon, students had the opportunity to get free, brightly colored May Day t-shirts featuring the names of the four performing bands on the back. The shirts were popular and ran out quickly.

Activities also opened for student participation at noon. Sumo wrestling required students to put on inflatable suits and go head to head in a competitive wrestling match. In an activity known as the Joust, students wore protective gear and tried to knock each other off of platforms. In the expansive Adrenaline Rush course, friends could race each other by climbing over obstacles and sliding to the finish. Additionally, everyone had the chance to jump on a giant moonbounce. "The moonbounce was a lot of fun," said Anna Zeng '11. "It definitely brought me back to my childhood."

May Day's musical entertainment began at approximately 2:00 p.m. The opener was Hamilton College Battle of the Bands winner Apple Wagon, which is comprised of Dave Moroney '09, Sander Doucette '09, Joey Campanella '08, Brett Morell '10, and Mason Fried '10. Apple Wagon was followed by Filligar, of which Hamilton student Casey Gibson '09 is a member. Both bands' delivered high-energy sets to an enthusiastic Hamilton audience.

Next up was Stroke 9, who performed original songs including "Do It Again," "Kick Some Ass," and "Little Black Backpack." They also played a cover of the song "Gin and Juice."

Last on stage was headliner Eve 6, who played many of their hits, including "Inside Out" and "Here's to the Night." Although Eve 6 had previously broken up, they recently reunited to go on tour. During the concert, lead singer Max Collins announced that the band had been working on some new material. Eve 6 played one of their songs that will soon be released. They won the first ever Hamilton student vote to determine May Day 2008's headliner, with the majority of the approximately 800 ballots cast.

By the end of the concert, the crowd had grown in size immensely. Many attendees greatly enjoyed the bands' performances. "The bands were great!" commented Elizabeth Farrell '11. "All of them had a lot of energy, and they were fun both to watch and to listen to."

Despite the weather-related setbacks, students still participated in May Day to have some fun before the final stressful weeks of the semester. Members of CAB described May Day 2008 as "rad" and "awesome." Cox '10 commented, "I think people had fun. Overall, the event was definitely a success!"

New constitution establishes Greek judicial committee

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Coalition, and serve as ex-officio members on all committees.

The ISC began discussing the drafting of a constitution because of hostile attitudes toward Greek organizations raised at Alcohol Coalition meetings and concerns from the administration about possible Greek-related incidents on campus. Earlier this semester, two consecutive meetings of the Alcohol Coalition, the first of which included a minor item concerning the college's role in Greek pledging, turned into arguments about the broader role of Greek life at Hamilton. Additionally, the administration notified the ISC that several incidents, including vandalism in dormitories and the string of maliciously triggered fire alarms, were possibly related to Greek organizations.

"The ISC began discussing the drafting of a constitution with provisions for the ISC to take an active role in judicial proceedings for societies in the interest of ensuring that the actions of a single organization that chooses to act inappropriately will not reflect poorly on Greeks as a whole" said Connor.

The new constitution includes a provision for an ISC Judicial Committee, comprised of the co-chairs and five other society presidents, which will "review alleged violations of Hamilton College policy by member societies and recommend appropriate actions, including possible sanctions, to the Dean of Students." In the case of reported policy violations, the Judicial Committee will evaluate all available written reports to judge whether the accused society violated College policy. The committee will submit a summary of their findings to the Dean of Students and recommend a proper sanction if necessary.

The ISC complies with state and federal laws and Hamilton policy to maintain a strict anti-hazing policy. The constitution states that "the ISC understands that an individual or group found responsible for hazing will be subject to disciplinary action by the Judicial Arm of this body and/or the College, which may result in revocation of social privileges and mandatory community service, or in more serious scenarios: probation, suspension or revocation of College recognition."

As drafted in the ISC constitution, two thirds of the ISC member ship constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and each society will have one vote. All societies must send a representative to all ISC meetings, and unexcused absences will result in the forfeiture of the absent societies' vote for each missed meeting.

Over the past few years, the ISC has gone through periods of varying degrees of activity, sponsoring parties, philanthropy events, and various initiatives on campus. Although the ISC has been relatively inactive recently, under the ISC Presidency of TKE President Ben Lee '07 in 2006 the ISC successfully petitioned the college to make it no longer necessary to obtain third party catering for alcoholic events the full Tolles Pavillion (Annex).

This semester, after Allen and Connor were elected and together appointed committee chairs, they began looking into a number of initiatives including an ISC-sponsored party on Minor Field, an ISC Community service event, the revival of the Greekspeak publication, and the adoption of the new constitution. With the new constitution successfully finalized, Connor said that "The ISC is still looking into the possibility of an all campus party to kick off next year, is planning a philanthropy event for next fall, and is expecting to print the Greekspeak newsletter by the time this issue of *The Spectator* comes out."

When asked about what she sees in the future for Greek life at Hamilton, Magnarelli said, "I think fraternities and sororities offer a number of unique opportunities for Hamilton men and women, and as the institution evolves, I hope Greek organizations will follow suit and continue to provide a rich experience for our students." According to Allen, "The future of Greek life on campus is up to the current organizations to decide. But through working together, Greeks can provide an accommodating atmosphere for future classes."

The Truth Has No Author

The Gossip Box

"Shaken-not-stirred on shakey ground?"

The Rumor

In honor of Class and Charter Day, this Gossip Box feature includes instructions for making your very own drink! Hopefully you can still see right now... Since Ian Fleming first penned *Casino Royale* between bouts of depression and Nazi-hunting, alcoholics around the globe have ordered the eponymous "shaken, not stirred" vodka martini at bars and clubs, hoping to reflect a few rays of James Bond's reflected glory and manliness. However, much recent investigation into the making of martinis has brought to light the speciousness of ordering a martini in such a fashion. No matter how hot Daniel Craig is.

The Evidence

In every Bond movie, save for Blond Bond's recent revamping of the series, MI6 agent James Bond orders "a vodka martini, shaken, not stirred." Be it at a palace in Europe, at a cabana in Rio de Janeiro, or an aquatic lair, the bartenders never fail to comply. After recieving his drink, Bond commences seducing the various exotic women peppering the landscape, usually to have her pull a dagger or poisonous spider or grenade launcher out from behind the pillow later that night. The martini, obviously, is the key to English security. However, while it may seem unbelievably cool, the true manliness of the shaken vodka martini is coming into question. Is James, in fact, ordering a chick drink? Is the man who stopped the nuclear annihilation of Istanbul, blew up several satellites, and wooer of several models/secret agents really just ordering a butched-up Bacardi Breezer?

The Conclusion

In a true martini, hardly ever made anymore because of the time and equipment involved, is not shaken, but stirred with a special spoon. While shaking the ice makes the drink colder, it chips the ice into the drink, weakening the vodka and the martini overall. In essence, James is ordering a very cold, watered-down martini.

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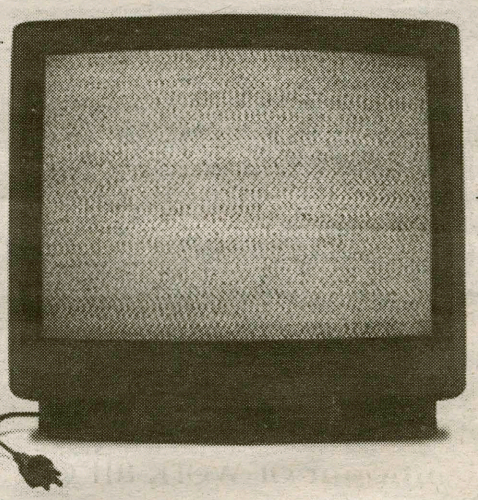
Show me the lottery!

by Thomas Yarnell '10
Insights & Ideas Writer

The ongoing television coverage of this year's housing lottery was atrocious. This was not entirely, however, the fault of the students anchoring the program. The very nature of the live broadcast meant that the students felt the need to provide filler commentary whenever waiting for new, relevant information. Thus, while they anxiously awaited updates, those students viewing the program endured an endless string of jokes that even Blind Date host Roger Lodge would find cringe-worthy.



The other piece of the presentation also proved entirely uninformative. I found it impossible to glean anything from the camera's random pans of the building floor plans and room availability. In a way, I felt deceived. It was as if a TV station advertised coverage of a postmodern art gallery, and then showed the wall of a kindergarten classroom covered with unintelligible finger paintings.

I think I may have a viable solution: using a very simple computer program, rotate through the floor plan of each building, and display an "X" on rooms that have been taken. This would be an easily accessible graphic version of the already-effective paper floor plan system that students use when selecting a room in the Annex. How about a hypothetical example? Let's say that Bob and his friends want a sweet-ass quad in Carnegie, and that Bob is a rising senior with #250.

On lottery day, Bob and Co. wake up at 9 AM, turn on the TV and watch as the screen rotates through the floor plans of buildings that generally go with the first numbers. Without hearing about the tragic childhood of a fellow student hosting the broadcast, they can see if their dream crib in Carnegie has already been taken based on whether or not it has a large "X" through it. If their room is taken, they need not wait in suspense. Thirty seconds later, when the screen switches to a floor plan of South, they can quickly find a satisfying alternative.

I see absolutely no reason why something like this is not possible. Such a system would be both informative and practical, which I assume is the intention of ResLife in providing a live television broadcast. This setup would be very easy, requiring only one person to operate a computer, and, in real time, match the floor plans on the computer with those paper ones in the Annex.

In the end, it might even require less manpower than this year's Blair Witch Project cameraman and the two hosts that got rejected by America's Funniest Home Videos. Given our contemporary culture, in which technology now often replaces human interaction, there may be instances in which it is better to preserve the communication of news and updates from peers. The housing lottery, however, is not and should not be one of them.

Thumbs up	Thumbs down	Who Cares?
Using Craigslist for sex... whatever works.	**Using Craigslist for sex...are you kidding?**	**Tuition increases: oh, wait, I won't be here so whatever.**
Free NCAA game: thanks for finally coughing up some cash, nice to know my $42,000 can actually pay for something.	**Possible rain on class and charter day...great one more obstacle to my personal safety.**	**BROS.**
F.I.L.M. events: finally a constructive way of making me feel guilty about upper-class privilege.	**Pre-class and charter day warnings...by the time this comes out everyone will be too drunk to care.**	**HOES.**
Fixing the rat problem in Commons: actually, did that even happen yet?	**Awkwardly crying alone on the jitney: I'm sorry, is this Taxicab Confessions?**	**Knit Happens: just so you know, you are annoying the knit out of me with your constant e-mails.**

by Sarah Cornblath '08 & Anthony DelConte '10

THE SPECTATOR

As the academic year once more grinds slowly to an end it is essential that amidst the stress and struggle of finals, term projects, and thesis papers we take a moment to truly appreciate our lives on this Hill. A lot has happened since we arrived at Hamilton this year to start the fall semester. We could go on for pages listing all of the incredible community organized events that have made this year notable and successful, but considering the amount of work all of us students have we fear such a course of action would be a damper on this publication's readership.

Anyway listing all of the things that make Hamilton the place it is, the pot and soil in which we students grow for four years, is not that important. What's really important is recognizing the people who make Hamilton what it is: the faculty who work tirelessly to ensure that our education here is a true experience of academic and personal growth, the Hamilton College staff who make life on this Hill possible, the administrators who make this college possible, and every other member of the Hamilton community.

So in conclusion, congratulations to the Hamilton College Class of 2008 and everyone in it, thank you to everyone who makes Hamilton what it is, and thank you to our loyal readership without whom our paper would be nothing but a pointless endeavor.

Happy Class and Charter Day!

-*The Spectator*

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The problem as we see it

Two weeks ago the *Spectator* issued several articles related to the proposal of a Cultural Education Center. We would like to respond to the editorials by Marty Connor and Scott Bixby by describing the problem, as we perceive it. Conner asserts "the true purpose of Hamilton's diverse student body: the opportunity to learn from, share experiences with, and better understand your fellow human beings (and hopefully yourself as well)." Bixby elaborates, "Possessing different traits, backgrounds, politics, and proclivities is a function of being an individual, and Hamilton College is a collection of outstanding individuals, not just homogeneous clumps of varying caricatures." The problem is not about either difference or individuals, it is about power structures that make the experiences of individual students fundamentally different because of their identities. In order to illustrate this, we will each write in our own voice: *Corinne* and **Robyn**.

By power structures, I mean institutions (the physical environment, student organizations, the administration, the government etc) benefit certain identity groups over others for historic, political, and economic reasons. In the United States, for example, zoning codes have segregated people based on race and class and the glass ceiling still exists for many women and racial minorities. Obviously, these systems still affect and are in effect at Hamilton. Connor and Bixby make the mistake of assuming that numbers, rather than the historical, political, and social circumstance determine power dynamics. Bixby argues that, "everyone on campus is part of some minority, even archetypical WASPy hetero-sexual males" and Connor shares his experience as a minority white in high school.

They do not recognize that these background differences are not just mere differences. You cannot understand exactly what it means to be Vietnamese-American in the US, for example, unless you actually experience that. You can only be educated on the issues, connect with more people who are different from you, empathize, and try to "unpack your own privileges". The experiences of individuals whose identities have been historically marginalized are fundamentally different than Bixby's "geographic minorities". The experiences from people of these historically marginalized groups are different because of the systematic exclusion and repression of these groups. Further, Bixby and Connor will never be able to experience my experiences as a black woman. They could never experience going into a class and automatically stereotyped as dumb or unprepared to engage at the same level as the "traditional student". Similarly, Connor and Bixby will never have to feel inferior or because they were not "helped" to get here through a program like Posse, probably because they already had the privilege of knowing about Hamilton College.

Power structures are not linked to majority-minority situations, but rather the socio-historic situations that give certain groups more political, economic, and cultural capital than others. For example, I was also a racial minority when I visited India, for instance, and although it was 'uncomfortable' my skin color connoted and alluded to a violent history of imperialism, and enforced dominance.

In order to speak about the issues the Cultural Education Center could remedy with institutional and cultural changes as well, privilege must be discussed. At Hamilton, many people feel that we all got into he same college so we must have the same background forgetting that yes each person is different and has her own experiences but because of oppressive and historical factors many of us have privileges that we were born into. Being born white is a privilege in the United States, because of historical reasons such as slavery, present racism, and because most of the people in power are white. Yes, there are individuals such as Colin Powell, Oprah, and Nas who have political, economic, and social power but the institutions still construct "success" or "normalcy" as whiteness.

The problem at Hamilton is an institutional one that perpetuates and reproduces power structures that exist elsewhere in the United States and simultaneously makes them invisible and therefore harder to talk about and overcome. For example, I was one of those freshmen who sat with the same group of friends for the entire year because I met them on Adirondack Adventure. AA is one of the foremost pre-orientation programs in the country and almost half of the incoming freshmen class participates. Of that number, 4% are international and 9% receive financial aid; this demonstrates how AA unintentionally excludes almost all of the 'underrepresented' or 'diverse' groups on campus. This is what I mean by systems: no individual in the AA program is racist, but the program is in effect, exclusive. The Social Justice Initiative looks for ways in which the system can be interrupted to become more inclusive. Andrew Jillings and Dana Quigley have designed advertisements that provide information about financial aid to previously underrepresented groups. Similarly, all the initiatives of SJI (cultural center, curriculum, and coffee hours) look for ways to adjust or alter systems that might unintentionally perpetuate racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism, etc.

Our point is to have individuals join together and become advocates and activists to create a better experience for historically marginalized students. In order to do that we need to recognize and show compassion towards people's experiences that differ from the norm at Hamilton College. Acknowledgement and compassion are what is missing from both Scott Bixby and Mart Connor's arguments because of the word that Bixby chose to use as the main point of his argument-community. If we see people as members of our community then we try to figure out ways to make the community better, but if you see your community as a strong, supportive, and beneficial to you then why would you listen to those of us who do not feel that way?

How can we create an environment of inclusion without acknowledging that some people are excluded?

Maybe the purpose of diversity at Hamilton College is not only, as Bixby and Connor assert, to experientially educate white people about difference but because 'diverse' students deserve a good education and positive experience too.

by Robyn Gibson '10
Corinne Bancroft '10

by Max Wall '10
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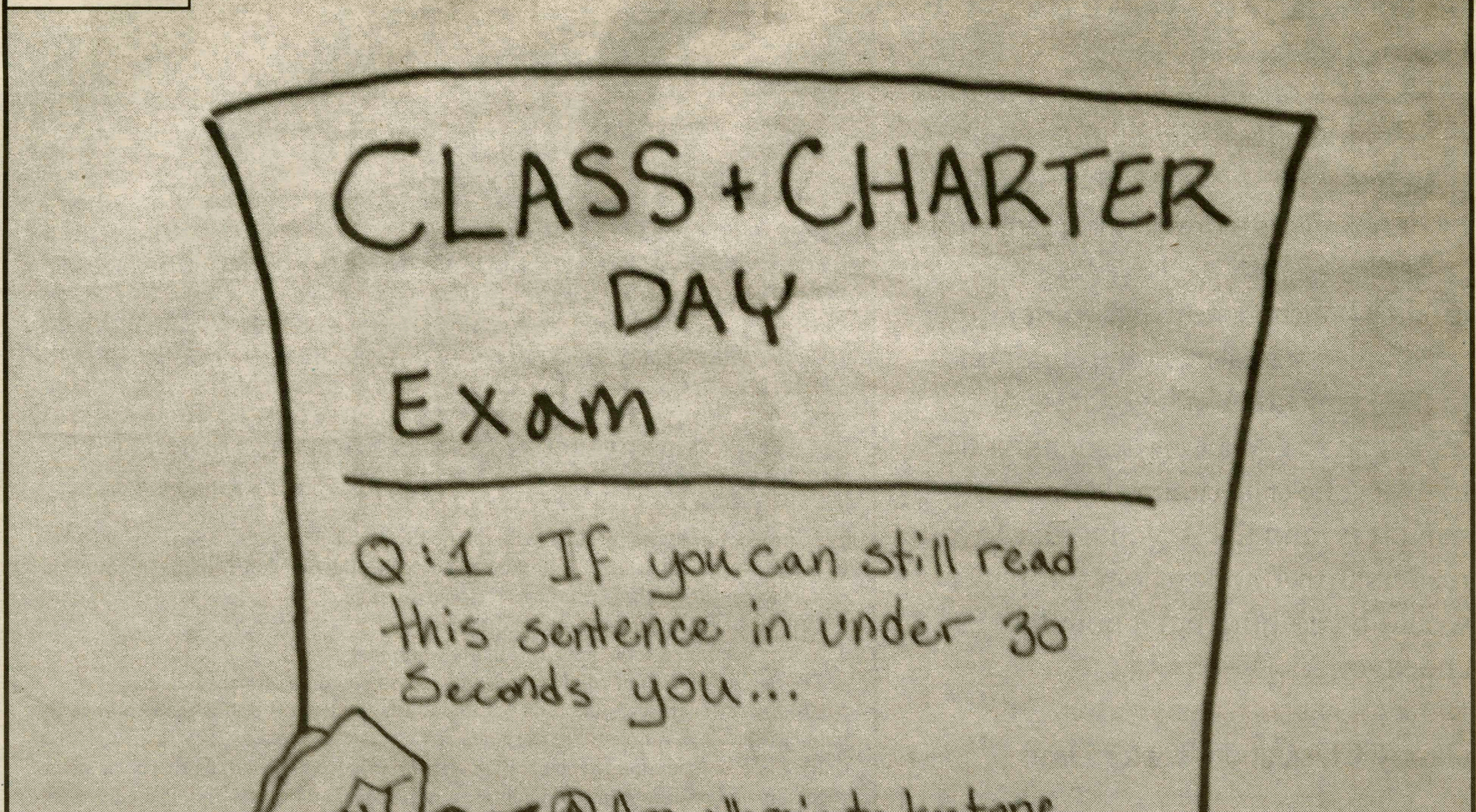

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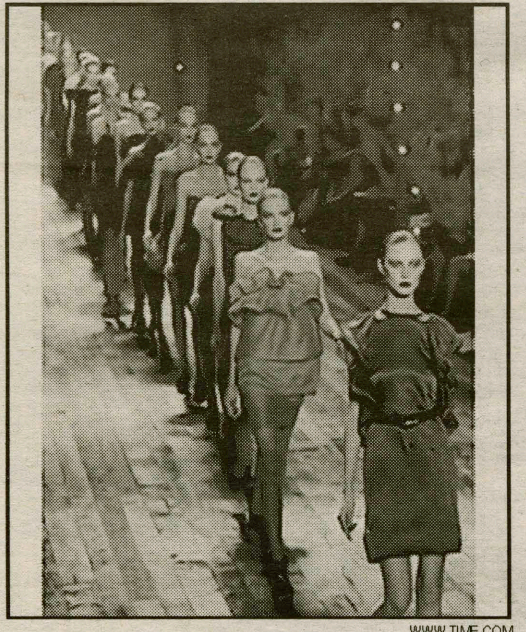
HauteLife: Haute Talk with Madeline Andrews, Assistant to the Executive Fashion Editor-at-Large of *Glamour Magazine*

by Nonny Chizea '08
Fashion Columnist

After winning the 2005 General Excellence Award for over 2 million in circulation at the National Magazine Awards and the 2007 Personal Service Award for the story, *What No One Ever Tells You About Breast Implants* (November) by Liz Welch, *Glamour Magazine* has continued to establish itself as the magazine for every woman. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the editors, stylists, copy-editors and the marketing and advertising departments, each issue has topics on fashion, health, beauty, and advice that keep readers tuned in.

Working in fashion editorial is a dream job for many and with this closing edition of *Haute-Life*, I interviewed **Madeline Andrews**, the Assistant to the Executive Fashion Editor-at-Large at *Glamour Magazine*, **Suzanne Yalof-Schwartz**. Unlike other magazines, *Glamour Magazine* has Suzanne Yalof-Schwartz, the 'Face of Glamour Magazine.' This means that with her position she promotes *Glamour* on television shows such as the *Today Show* and *Good Morning America*. Yalof-Schwartz has also been on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

The day to day coordination of Yalof-Schwartz would be possible if not for her assistant Madeline Andrews. Speaking with Madeline Andrews you will read about her duties at *Glamour*. Andrews shares with us her favorite designers as well as advice on working in the fashion Industry.



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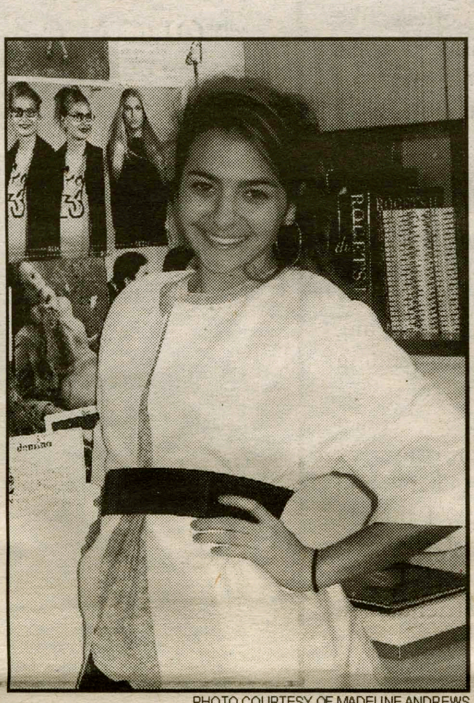
Alber Elbaz's designs for Lanvin on the runway. Elbaz is one of Madeline's favorite designers.

Name: Madeline Andrews
Education: B.A in English with a Certificate in Journalism from Duke University in 2006
Previous Job: Interned at *Vogue* and *W* before starting work at *Glamour* two days after graduating from Duke.
Favorite Designers: Alber Elbaz, Miuccia Prada, Stefano Pilati, Nicolas Ghesquière and Marc Jacobs.



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Madeline Andrews graduated from Duke in 2006 and now works for *Glamour* as a personal assistant.

NC: What is it like working with Suzanne?
MA: It's great. My job is very fast-paced and changes every day. I can spend my morning fitting models in looks for a Today Show segment and then spend my afternoon running around Manhattan trying to find the perfect floral appliqués for a dress or going on market appointments to see a designer's newest collection.

NC: How do you prepare daily for work?
MA: I always make sure I have done everything I can for the day before I leave. If something is up in the air or only halfway done and I plan on putting it off until the next day, I will invariably be slammed with a lot of other things that have to take priority. I also try to arrive an hour before Suze comes in so I have time to take care of anything that might have come up overnight. Coming in early also gives me time to on her when she arrives.

NC: What do you like about your job?
MA: I like the fact that it challenges me. We are always working on tough deadlines, and most of the time I am juggling six current projects and thinking about five more that are waiting in the wings. More than anything, I love fashion, so it is a dream to work in an industry that revolves around it.

NC: What don't you like about your job?
MA: Well, it is easy to get caught up in things and feel like it's the end of the world if a particular piece of clothing or accessory is unavailable or falls through. This makes it hard to keep perspective. I have nightmares about misplaced boots and too-small skirts- on one level, it's kind of funny, and on another it's a little sad.

NC: How many hours a week to you spend at work?
MA: I work anywhere from 50 to 80 hours a week depending on what is going on. Things get can crazy if we have a lot of early morning television shows, are on location or traveling for a shoot, or even if I have events scheduled five nights in a row. Those are the weeks I really miss my sleep.

NC: How do the different fashion seasons affect your work? (Fashion Week, Resort etc)
MA: They don't really affect my work - we're always hectic and little bit crazed. I suppose during Fashion Week the things we are busy with changes because they are sidelined by the Fashion Week circus of shows, appointments, and events.

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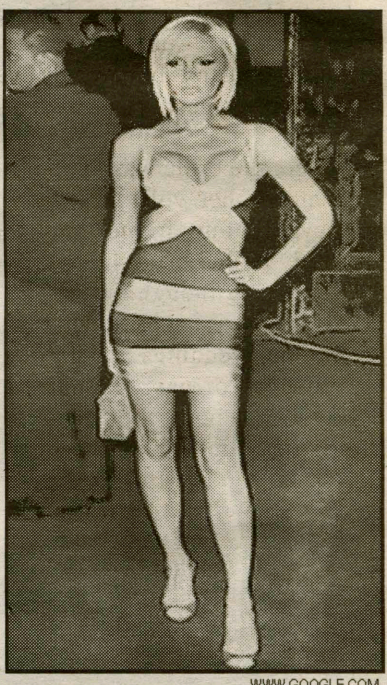
A look at Miuccia Prada's 2008 Spring Ready-to-Wear Show.

NC: People think that in the fashion industry everyone dresses according to the trends all the time. Is that true and what would you define as style?
MA: The hallways of a fashion magazine can definitely be a great place to spot trends-to-be, but I do not think the girls at Glamour are concerned with being trendy. It's about having a look you love and that suits you - wearing something just because everyone else has it on isn't fashion.

NC: Is there a style dress code at *Glamour*?
MA: There isn't one. I also tend not to wear jeans or flats to the office, but lots of the other girls do and they always look fabulous. The fashion department is generally more style conscious than other parts of the magazine. However I can think of more than a few girls in Editorial and PR whose closets I wouldn't mind raiding!

NC: How would you define your look?
MA: When I first began working for Suze, she [lovingly] called my style "maternity chic" since everything I wore was loose or billow-y around my midsection. I'm definitely a girl who likes her volume - I have never (and will never) own a pair of skinny jeans or a **Herve Leger** dress. Not because I don't think they're cute - just because they're not me. My style is definitely a little bohemian, a little undone, a little oversized. And my hair is always in a ponytail.

NC: What advice can you give on the realities of the Fashion Industry?
MA: I think that you be prepared to pay your dues. Everyone working with you and above you had to do the same things you are doing. You will be wasting time so thinking that you are too good or too smart to make photocopies, getting coffee or sweeping hair off the floor at a photo shoot. As an assistant, you cannot have an attitude about anything.



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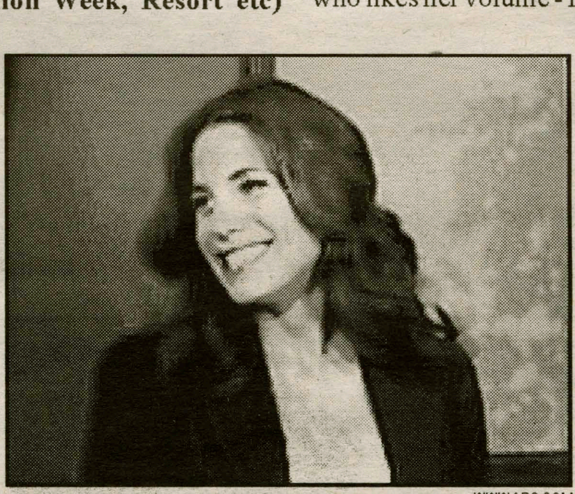
Victoria Beckham wearing a Herve Leger dress, not Andrews' style.



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Madeline's lovely boss and supervisor Suzanne Yalof-Schwartz, Executive Fashion Editor-at-Large for *Glamour* and the "face" of the magazine.

Reflections on freshman year

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science & Technology Co-Editor

As crazy as it seems, it was only ten months ago that we first came to the hill, ready to start what are supposed to be the best years of our lives. In those ten months I've met amazing people that have become classmates, housemates, and most importantly friends that I consider a major part of my life. I've met people from all over the country and world, and I've been reconfirmed of the fact that regardless of the differences I may find in other people, there is something to share with everyone. I've gotten to know people I probably wouldn't have had a chance to know in high school. I've learned to look past first impressions and find out who a person really is.

I've learned to approach new situations with a similar mindset. I've learned to live with another person, something I thought would be impossible. Things that would have discouraged me in the past only encourage me to challenge myself now. A year ago I wouldn't have been able to predict the classes I have taken or the extracurricular activities in which I've participated. I've studied Machiavelli and Marie Taglioni, Robert Barro and Samuel Beckett, and Tom Waits and August Wilson.

I have had more opportunities to get involved here than anywhere else. Walking through Beinecke or even checking my e-mail gives me new ideas of how to fill my time on campus. I've been more willing to try new and different things, some of which have led to better outcomes than I ever could've guessed. I've tried new sports, new organizations, and even attended the Rocky Horror ELS party.

PHOTO BY LAURA LEONARD '11
Ten months have passed since orientation for the class of 2011.

I often hear people on campus complain about Hamilton, be it the lack of diversity, elitist attitudes, or operation of the college. But if I've learned one thing, it's that college, like everything else, is what you make of it. It can be easy to be discouraged by negative things, but it is by looking past them that I've been able to appreciate the opportunities that I have in front of me, including spending three more years at Hamilton.

Looking back over the last ten months I wouldn't say I've changed entirely. As banal and lame as this sounds, I think I found out new things about myself. I walk away from this year with new ideas, new friends, and an eagerness to do it all over again next year.

The Features Section would like to thank all of our contributors this past semester...
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Elizabeth Kosar '10
Amelia Conlon '08
&
Nonny Chizea '08

for all of their hard work...

Lotions & Potions: Tips for wedding beauty

by Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

Here's something freaky-people we know are getting married. Not just our decade-older cousins, but people we *know*. My best friend recently called me from a wedding where the bride was her teammate on her volleyball team. Several of my friends have already pulled bridesmaid duty. Terrifying though the thought of marriage and commitment can be, weddings are a whole other ball of wax. They're free food, dancing, people in pretty clothes, and hot groomsmen. I'm a big fan of a wedding. Just don't even think of asking me to catch the bouquet. Here are my tips for being the mysterious hottie at the wedding, as opposed to the drunk girl barfing in the ficus.

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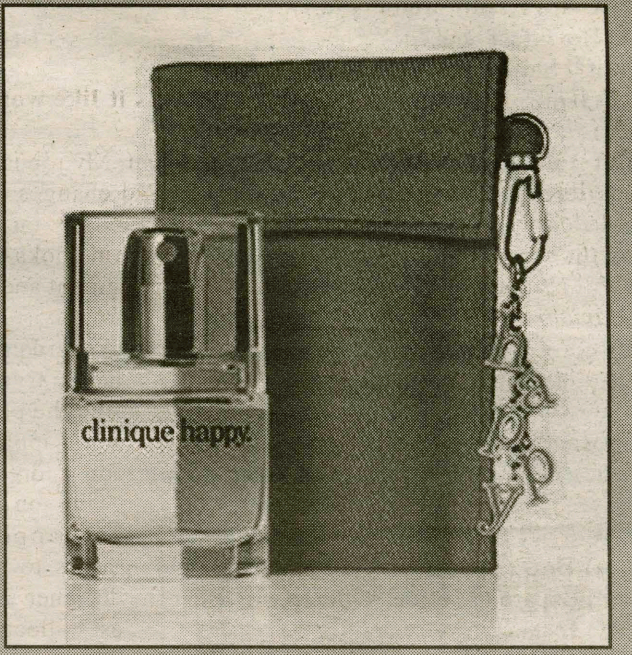
The bride is the only woman who is allowed to wear white on her wedding day.

No synthetics (hair, nails, clothing)- Let's keep it real my peeps. A wedding is not the time for your Jessica Simpson hair extensions, nor your Lee Press-On Nails. I also advocated simple, well-cut clothes, cause other wise you look like a centerpiece.

The bride is the bride-Wearing white, ivory, cream, eggshell-whatever, it's still a big wedding no-no. Try something else. While we're on the subject of white though, can I just say that too much white eyeshadow makes you trampy? A little that catches the light is one thing. A wash from lash line to brow bone is another.

Sweat, baby, sweat-Guess what? You're probably going to have to stick your arms up at some point during a wedding. Prepare for the occasion by using plenty of anti-perspirant and bring a travel-size bottle of perfume. Something sweet, not trashy. It's the wedding not the bachelorette party.

Bronzer-You know who's almost as scary as a bridezilla? Lindsay Lohan's mom. It's because she's orange. A wedding is a time for a polished glow, not a blinding citrus shade. These pictures will last a looong time, be dragged out for countless people, and basically never go away.



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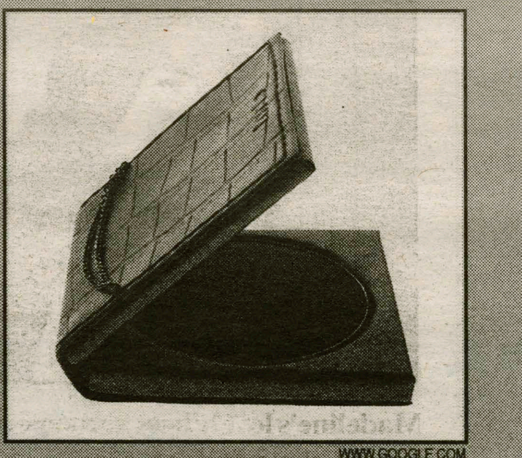
Travel-sized perfume is subtle and keeps you smelling fresh on the reception dance floor.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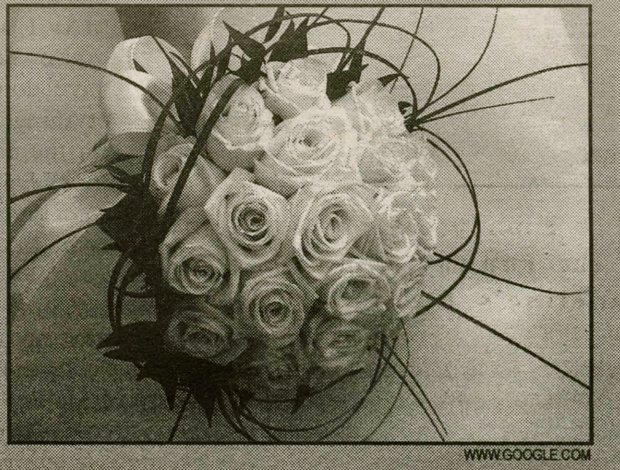
It's good to be bronzed- but not orange.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Weddings are a whole lot of fun, so beautify yourself accordingly.

Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Hector Acevedo '08

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Age: 21
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 4'2" the biggest man at Hamilton ;)
Sign: Leo
Hometown: Cambridge, MA
Major: Women's Studies
On Campus Activities: I run this yard!!
Interested In: Organizing young people and starting a revolution.
What You Are Looking For Now: Being loved and cuddled.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Movie, food, CANOODLING!!!
Off Campus: Anywhere "foget the price tag cuz I get what I like"
Turn Ons: Beautiful eyes and a beautiful personality.
Turn Offs: Fake personalities and liars. Ladies you gotto get your feet right its summer time...
Dating Deal Makers: I like special...so if I see something special in someone I will try and get to know them.
Dating Deal Breakers: Just talk to me...don't let a good thing pass you by...

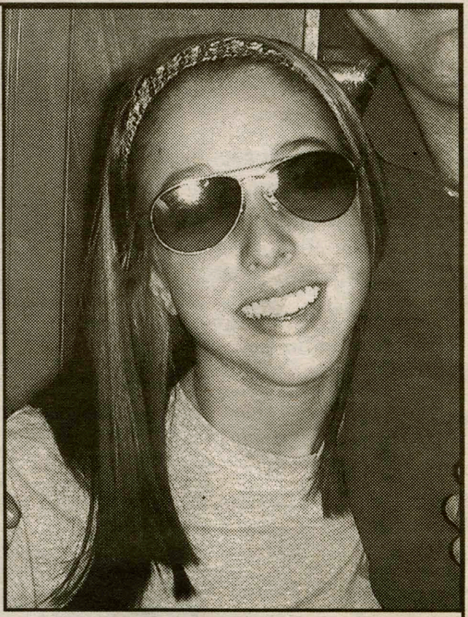
Favorites
Place On Campus: my room :)
Exercise At The Gym: NO IM FATTTTTTT! HAH
Gift to give: Roses
Gift to get: A bottle of Luis the 13th
Song: Big Pun Still not a player...BUT U STILL A HATER
Book: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
Movie: The Fifth Element & Coming to America
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "Don't wanna close my eyes," by Aerosmith
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: The Notebook, A Walk to Remember, Love Actually!!
Celeb Crush: Ciara...I'M HER BABY MOMMA!!!
Breakfast: I'm not a breakfast person...Lets go get BBQ and soul food!
TV Show: Fresh Prince of Belair
Quote: "Death before Dishonor"

If I were an animal I would be: A dolphin because they are intelligent and they can swim (I can't swim) or I would be a panda because they are gentle but they can defend themselves.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to: JAPAN!!! Lets go right now!!!! I love Japanese culture.

If I were a character from English lit, I would be: I would be Don Quixote because he is a visionary.
The best pick-up line I have used: "Baby....give me your number before I don't want it no more."
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "Let's go half-C's on a baby."

If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other: Team up and try to fight the bear

Liza Rothschild '08



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Age: 20
Eye Color: Sky Blue
Height: Tall Enough.
Sign: Aries
Hometown: The section of Boston.
Major: Oral Communications
On Campus Activities: Being Awesome, winning at life, being an alcoholic, in a nutshell running the show
Interested In: Men
What You Are Looking For Now: A nice Jewish boy who can handle his Manichevitz.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Oral Communications Lab.
Off Campus: Picnic for two outside the Tony's house.
Turn Ons: Manichevitz, civil war, boston sports teams, civil war, the bros.
Turn Offs: The bros.

Dating Deal Makers: Anything after a few drinks.
Dating Deal Breakers: Sobriety, cuddling, and Yankees fans.

Favorites
Place On Campus: Oral Communications Lab.
Exercise At The Gym: Squat thrusts.
Gift to give: My roommate for the night.
Gift to get: 30 in 30.
Song: "Fleeting Love."
Book: The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.
Movie: Blood Diamond.
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "Touch my Body" by Mariah Carey.
Guilty Pleasure" Movie: 13 going 30.
Celeb Crush: Jason Veriteck.
Breakfast: The complete with a happy ending.
Sitcom: Entourage...because I am Turtle.
Quote: "Don't get mad...get better."

If I were an animal I would be: I would be a turtle because I'm a turtle.
If I were a character from English lit, I would be: I would be nothing because English Lit sucks and I own a t.v.
The best pick-up line I have used: "You're drinking a keystone too?"
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "Want to be my Beirut partner?"

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B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other: Put my clothes back on and wipe the honey off of my body.

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Weekly Charts

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Gavin DeGraw - Self-Titled Album
2. Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends - Coldplay
3. Hard Candy - Madonna
4. Home Before Dark - Neil Diamond
5. On My Way Home - Clay Aiken

Top Songs
1. Take a Bow - Rihanna
2. Bleeding Love - Leona Lewis
3. Pocketful of Sunshine - Natasha Bedingfield
4. Lollipop - Lil Wayne
5. 4 Minutes - Madonna

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Movies)

1. Iron Man
2. Made of Honor
3. Baby Mama
4. Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay
5. Forgetting Sarah Marshall
6. The Forbidden Kingdom
7. Nim's Island
8. Prom Night
9. 21
10. 88 Minutes

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
3. NINETEEN MINUTES, by Jodi Picoult
4. THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB, by Kate Jacobs
5. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini

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1. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
2. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. JOHN ADAMS, by David McCullough
4. THE GOD DELUSION, by Richard Dawkins
5. Marley & Me, by John Grogan

Success and controversy at May Day

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

A warm sunny day taunted concert-goers as they entered the Tolles Pavilion (formerly known as the Annex) on Saturday afternoon. Although this year's May Day began roughly with some controversy between CAB and IMF, the event was still successful for attendees.

The music began around 1 p.m. with Hamilton's student band Applewagon. David Moroney '09 provided the energetic vocals that got students dancing while Sander Doucette '09, Joseph Campanella '08, Brett Morell '10, and Mason Fried '10 kept the beat alive.

Next up was Filligar, whose keyboardist is Hamilton student Casey Gibson '09. Playing crowd favorites from their albums *Succession, I Guess* and *The City Tree*, Filligar's performance was a singular experience. Gibson comments, "We had a great time. We were all a little bummed that we couldn't have done it outside on the football field, where it would have been perhaps a little more fun and a little less sweaty, but overall we had a great time. The inflatable jousting in the back was a great touch. The guys from Stroke 9 were really nice, which was cool. We'd do it again in a heartbeat!"

The crowd grew larger as Stroke 9 took the stage. Playing several of their hits like "Vacuum Bag," "Little Black Bookbag," "Poltava," and after some begging, "Gin and Juice," Stroke 9's performance was everything that could have been desired.

Next up was Eve 6 whose performance was amazing to say the least. New guitarist Matt Bair stole the attention of the audience with his enthusiasm, bounding all over the stage. Eve 6 satisfied their fan-base by playing their hit singles "Here's to the Night," "Inside Out," "Promise," and "Think Twice" as well as a mixture of two new songs and some material from Max Collins's and Tony Fagenson's side project Sugi Tap such as "Red&Black." An encore performance by the band brought out Hamilton's mascot, Al Ham, and Bair wearing a fake handle bar mustache.

People from over four hours away came to hear Eve 6, and the concert population was varied from preteens to senior citizens.

Jarrod Burton '09 commented on the turn out for the concert, "I would say that at its peak, which was during the Stroke 9 and Eve 6 sets, we had about 400 or so people in the annex. However, I think that throughout the day with the fluctuating numbers we had a lot more than 400 people partake in Mayday festivities. I would say that overall, Mayday was a success this year. We try to provide students with a fun-filled day and great entertainment, and I think that those who attended had a lot of fun, and that's really what the whole idea of Mayday is about.

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Al Ham takes a picture of lead singer Max Collins.

"Obviously it's unfortunate that we had to move inside considering that the weather actually held out and didn't rain despite the threat of a downpour throughout the day, and I think that seriously detracted from numbers in attendance, but we had to make that call a day in advance so we could make sure the sound/lighting company brought all the right equipment."

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Luke Esterkyn performs "Little Black Backpack" at May Day.

May Day originated as an event in which the three music organizations on campus would work together to form an outdoor music event, but for the past two years the event has proved difficult to plan. Last year IMF and CAB decided to split the event so that IMF would bring in the beginning acts (Asobi Seksu, Wooden Wand and The Vanishing Voice to name a few) and CAB brought in Citizen Cope. However, the concert had to be performed in the Field House due to weather, and concert attendance was low. This year, disagreement over the student survey between IMF and CAB lead to IMF pulling out from the event.

James Head '08, whose band, The Head Band, played at last year's May Day observed, "whether or not it is held outdoors seems to be crucial to the event's success. The entire aesthetic, the appeal of the Mayday concert, is that it is intended to be outside; a festival atmosphere celebrating the arrival of spring. When it is held indoors it just feels like a downer.

"This year seemed even worse than last. I had absolutely no desire to attend the event at all, especially when I learned that it would be held in the annex. It was a nice idea to have the students vote on what band they wanted to headline the event but most of the choices were bland, one hit wonders of yesteryear. This campus is also notoriously apathetic when it comes to voting or taking surveys online or through e-mail so it's no wonder that Eve 6 was picked."

Head adds, "However, the event is not doomed—there is much that can be done to improve it. In fact, this year's change to fewer acts with more performance time seems like a step in the right direction. Now they just have to find some decent acts (other than Filligar)."

Student bands have also had difficulty in working with the mainstream bands brought for the concert. Sander Doucette '09 from Applewagon explained, "The crew and band members of Eve 6 were not considerate to the fact that students were supposed to be let into this concert at 12 p.m. They instead arrived late, took inordinate amounts of time to get ready and were very rude. They don't realize that what they could get away with 10 years ago when they were actually famous doesn't apply any more."

Head agrees, "The Headband was incredibly excited to be playing at a big event with a real sound stage with lights and everything, and to be opening for a big name act. Yet we were treated with the utmost indignity and disdain. Our name was not included in any of the publicity for the event: t-shirts, posters, e-mails. We were given a fifteen minute set which began at 12:30, which is when most people are waking up or eating breakfast on a Saturday, so we ended up playing to a basically empty venue.

"The event coordinators treated our band like mic testers whose only purpose was to sound check the equipment for the other bands and not to put on a real performance as we had intended. We were treated unprofessionally and were made to look unprofessional. After last year's disgrace CAB promised to treat the student band with more respect the following year."

Two years ago, when the event was held outside and The New Pornographers headlined, May Day represented the perfect balance of IMF and CAB, Hamilton students and Clinton citizens, and student bands and professional bands. This year's May Day has received mixed reviews. Although there seems to be no easy solution for this problem, more cooperation between organizations and students seems like it would definitely help. Although the success of May Day seems to rest in Mother Nature's hands, both the football field and the Tolles Pavilion are ideal places to hold a concert, and will hopefully provide even more exciting concerts in the future.

Colin Hay performs at Hamilton

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This past Thursday, Colin Hay performed at Hamilton in the Events Barn, the last CAB Acoustic Coffeehouse Series event of the year. One of the most anticipated concerts this spring, Hay entertained the Hamilton campus with his unique voice and charming attitude. The Acoustic Coffeehouse Series has successfully brought other performers to campus, including Eric Hutchinson, Antje Duvekot, and Ingrid Michaelson.

Currently 54 years old, the Australian native started playing music in 1978 when he met Ron Strykert. Playing mostly acoustic music, the duo formed the band *Men at Work* and released their first album in 1981, called *Business as Usual*. After seven years, the band went their separate ways, leading Hay to produce many solo albums over the following twenty years. His most popular albums, *Company of Strangers* (2001) and *Man @ Work* (2003), landed him an appearance on "Scrubs," where much of his music is featured. His music is also frequently heard on "What About Brian" and "The Black Donnellys." Colin Hay's main claim to fame is his contribution to the *Garden State Soundtrack*, with his song "I Just Don't Think I'll Ever Get Over You." Hay has also created his very own recording label, called Lazy Eye Records. In 2007, Hay released his newest album, called *Are You Lookin' At Me?* Hay's own website classifies his album as a "tuneful, insightful meditation on life, love, sobriety, maturity and perseverance."

Hay is currently touring through the Northeast.

Before stopping at Hamilton College, Hay had been touring through the northeast, since mid-April. He will continue his "Colin Hay Live" tour across the county, ending in Soho, Santa Barbara in California on May 22. Shortly afterwards, he will be touring with Ringo Starr, Billy Squier, Edgar Winter, Gary Wright, and many others. He will then go back to writing songs, along with spending more time with his wife Cecilia Noel, who often does backup vocals for Colin's shows.

"I love being in the studio, writing songs, and just being in that environment, and I enjoy it more and more as I become more self-reliant in the studio. There is a lot of messing around with ideas, not being really sure what the day is going to bring… being on your own, able to work through the ideas and work the machines, is quite liberating," Hay says on his website. For more information about future tour dates, Hay's discography, or his photo gallery, visit www.colinhay.com.

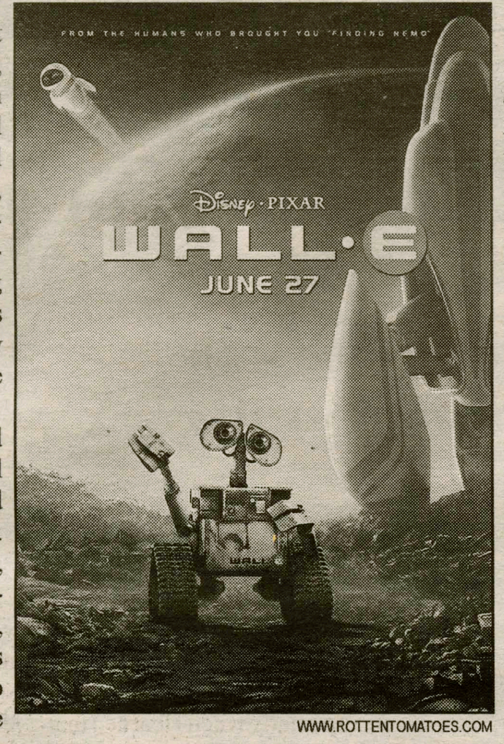
More summer movie previews!

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

With movies such as *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* and *The Dark Knight* coming out this summer, who needs more entertainment? In addition, *Iron Man* set the bar for summer movies, racking up over $100 million in its opening weekend and acquiring the highest overall rated movie of 2008 thus far, according to www.rottentomatoes.com. There are, however, a plethora of intriguing movies slated to open this summer that have seemingly been swept under the rug due to major blockbusters.

Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios will release their new animated film, *WALL-E*, in late June. Directed by Andrew Stanton, who also created the award-winning animated movie, *Finding Nemo*, *WALL-E*'s plot mainly comprises two robots falling in love in the future. Considering the success of Disney and Pixar's previous animated films, this movie will most likely prove to be no exception.

In addition to *WALL-E*, Peter Berg's *Hancock* will be released in early July. Starring Will Smith, Jason Bateman, and Charlize Theron, this comedy/superhero movie is about a reckless alcoholic who happens to possess superpowers. His lack of respect for authorities and general apathy towards the well-being of others leads him to hire a publicist in order to clean up his image. Hancock eventually begins an affair with the publicists wife, souring their relationship.



WALL-E comes to theaters June 27.

Before the release of *Hancock*, fans of the TV series *Sex and the City* will rejoice, as the much anticipated film adaptation of the HBO series comes out on May 30. The television show, which ran from June of 1998 to February of 2004, was one of HBO's most popular shows before it was terminated. The movie will feature all of the original cast, as well as many of the guest stars seen frequently on the show.

A multitude of comedies will also be released this summer, including *Step Brothers*, *Get Smart*, and *The Pineapple Express*. *Step Brothers*, starring Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly, is about two step brothers who realize they have no potential to become mature middle-aged men, and end up becoming best friends. *Get Smart* is an adaptation of the popular 1960's detective television show, about an awkward and clumsy secret agent, fittingly played by Steve Carell. Finally, *The Pinapple Express* is a Judd Apatow film (*Anchorman, Superbad*) starring Seth Rogan and James Franco, who play two stoners on the run from a crooked cop after witnessing the murder of an innocent man. All three comedies have highly amusing trailers, which can be seen at www.apple.com/trailers.

This is only a small taste of the seemingly endless amount of summer movies that are coming out in the near future. Be sure to check some of them out during a rainy day on your break from Hamilton this summer!

Professor Playlist: John Adams

Soon, my daughter Maddy and I will be driving up the coast from San Francisco to visit the redwoods at Humbolt Redwoods State Park. This is what we'll be listening to (we concocted it together):

Easy Rider - Steppenwolf
Free Bird - Lynyrd Skynyrd
While My Guitar Gently Weeps - The Beatles
Hey Joe - Jimi Hendrix Live
All Along the Watchtower - Bob Dylan
All Along The Watchtower Live - Jimi Hendrix
Don't Stop Believin' - Journey
Purple Haze - Jimi Hendrix
Little Red Corvette - Prince
Tangled Up In Blue - Bob Dylan
White Rabbit - Jefferson Airplane
Shelter From The Storm - Bob Dylan
Cinnamon Girl - Neil Young and Crazy Horse Live
Heart of Gold - Neil Young
Incense And Peppermints - Strawberry Alarm Clock
Wild Horses - The Rolling Stones
Barracuda - Heart
Hotel California - The Eagles
Spirits In The Material World- The Police
You Really Got Me - The Kinks
Believe - Cher
Good Thing - Fine Young Cannibals
Harvest Moon - Neil Young
White Room - Eric Clapton & Cream
Be My Baby - The Ronettes
Pigs on The Wing - Pink Floyd
Behind Blue Eyes - The Who
Simple Man - Lynyrd Skynyrd
Imagine - John Lennon
Blowin' In the Wind - Bob Dylan
Working Class Hero - John Lennon
Sugar Mountain Live - Neil Young
Smoke On The Water - Deep Purple
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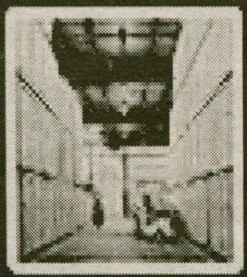
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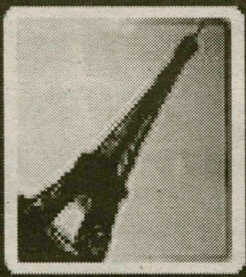
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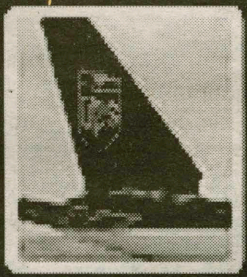
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This summer packed with science events

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

As many students at Hamilton prepare to leave the Hill for the summer – and some more permanently – it is easy to think the rest of the world is taking a break, too. Of course, that is not the case, but it would be easy to return in September feeling as though world events and science have made three months worth of progress overnight, while looking around confusedly. So if you're wondering what to keep an eye out for this summer as you try to keep apprised of the newest gains of the scientific community, or if you just want some idea of what you're going to miss, here are some upcoming scientific highlights that can be expected in science news during the summer of 2008.

Food Shortage:

The global food shortage is more than a social and political issue: it's a scientific issue. Thirty years ago, the world had more arable land than it does today, and yet it produced only one quarter of the foodstuffs produced in 2007. Even as more land falls fallow due to the loss of small farms in New England or becomes victim to desertification and deforestation effects in Africa and South America, the globe has increased its total food output every year since 1986 due to a series of scientific breakthroughs, including massive use of genetic engineering on many levels and new, more effective pesticides. Now, with the world's overconsumption and overpopulation once again catching up in the never-ending race to feed humanity, expect to see at least a discussion this summer of the ways science can continue to fight this battle in the coming decades. And with more than 150 labs across the country specifically dedicated to making crops more plentiful and easier to grow, don't be surprised if a breakthrough or three bursts into bloom over the summer months.

New Players in Space:

Since the very first space missions, outer space has been almost exclusively the dominion of the United States and Russia, formerly the Soviet Union. Now, though, other countries are beginning to get in on the act. This summer, India will launch its largest mission to date, and the ESA (European Space Agency) will launch its first comet probe.

The Indian mission, Chandrayaan-1, is an Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) mission designed to orbit the Moon over a two year period with the objectives of upgrading and testing India's technological capabilities in space and returning scientific information on the lunar surface. The spacecraft bus is a roughly six-foot cube with a dry weight ofover 200 punds. It will also carry a 15 pound probe designed to be released from the spacecraft and penetrate the lunar surface. Power will be provided by a solar array which generates 750 W and charges lithium ion batteries. A bipropellant propulsion system is used to transfer Chandrayaan-1 into lunar orbit and maintain attitude. The spacecraft will be three-axis stabilized using attitude control thrusters and reaction wheels. Knowledge will be provided by star sensors, accelerometers, and an inertial reference unit, all of which are operated out of India.

Rosetta is a European Space Agency (ESA) Horizon 2000 cornerstone mission, and is designed to rendezvous with Comet 67 P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, drop a probe on the surface, study the comet from orbit, and fly by at least one asteroid en route. The principal goals are to study the origin of comets, the relationship between cometary and interstellar material and its implications with regard to the origin of the solar system. Its scientific objectives are global characterization of the nucleus,

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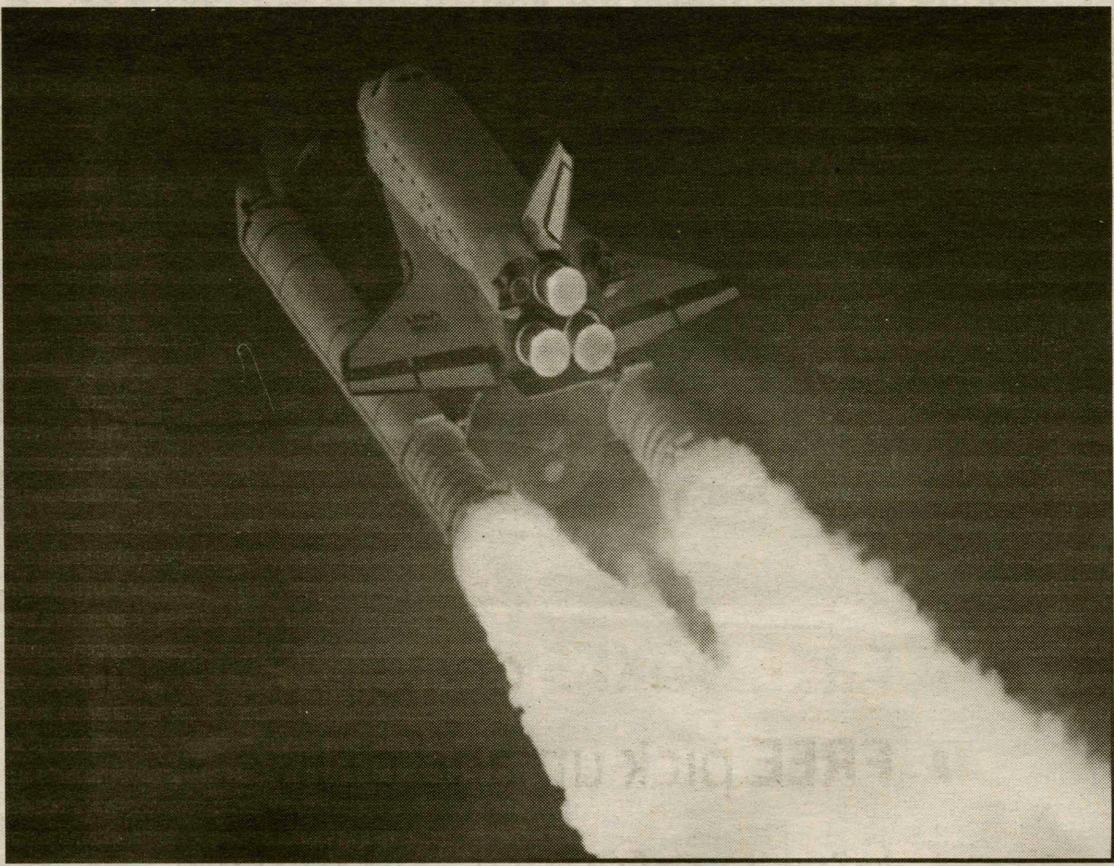

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Atlantis **will launch at the end of August to make some repairs on the Hubble Space Telescope. Ironically, both the Shuttle and the Hubble will soon be scrapped.**

Australian government to pay people for organ donations; could the U.S. government be next?

by Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Australia, a country with one of the lowest rates of organ donation in the world, is considering a compensation program for people willing to donate their kidneys. Aside from getting the satisfaction of saving a person's life, kidney donors could get as much as $47,000 from this program.

Chronic Kidney Disease affects the kidney's ability to regulate water in the body and chemicals in the blood, remove toxins in the body, and release hormones. This disease usually occurs with people who have high blood pressure, diabetes, or a family history of kidney disease. Treatment includes dialysis, which takes over the kidney's job of removing waste from the body, and kidney transplants.

This compensation program would save the lives of people who are unable to get kidney transplants. With the current shortage of organs for transplants, more than 40 Australians die every day from kidney failure, many of whom are waiting for organs. Gavin Carney, a kidney specialist, believes that "waiting lists [for organs] will be halved within about five years" if a monetary incentive is provided.

Although this money may seem like a bribe, some feel it is a fair way to compensate a donor. The money can be used to make up for a loss of income during sick leave, or for travel and accommodation expenses. However, it can also be used as a way to convince those who are considering organ donation. Some feel that this system of paying people to donate their kidneys would be unfair and would take advantage of people without money.

As expensive as 47,000 dollars per kidney sounds, paying organ donors for their kidneys would actually save money. It costs about 60,000 dollars a year to keep one person alive on dialysis, a cost that is staggering to most people.

In the United States, approximately 7.7 percent, almost 15.5 million adults, age twenty and older, have evidence of chronic kidney disease. Of these people, more than 74,000 were waiting for a kidney transplant last year, with only about 17,000 transplants taking place, leaving many with little hope for kidney transplant. Statistics like these make it evident that something needs to be done to make the organ transplant process more effective. Although not much has been said about initiating a compensation program for organ donors in the United States, that could change if the program in Australia becomes a success.

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This diagram shows some of the many organs that can be donated, either before or after death. Australia is considering paying people over $40,000 to donate a kidney.

Sustainability Committee releases carbon report

Inventory of greenhouse gas emissions at Hamilton first step in Presidents' Climate Commitment

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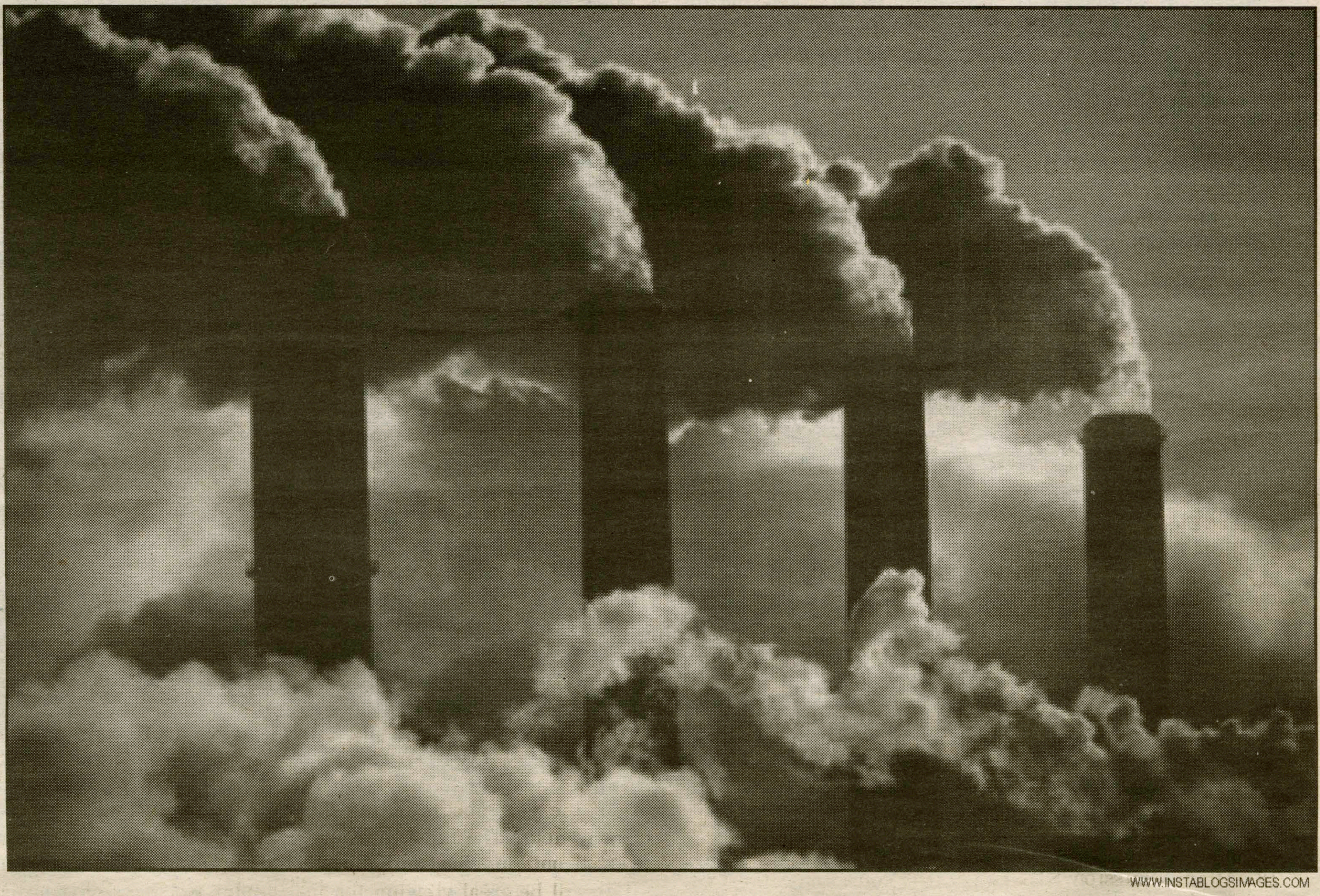

Hamilton might not produce industrial wastes as fast as this industrial plant, but the College is contributing to global warming nonetheless. The Commision's report indicates a 43 percent increase in emissions from 2000 to 2007.

Despite intensifying warnings regarding global warming, Hamilton College's carbon footprint increased by 43 percent between 2000 and 2007. The need to reduce carbon emissions grows ever more urgent. Luckily, a constructive response to this issue has been awakening among members of the Hamilton community.

Hamilton College's Sustainability Committee recently completed a detailed inventory of Hamilton's greenhouse gas emissions. The Committee undertook this task in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Presidents' Climate Commitment, which President Joan Hinde Stewart signed in April, 2007.

The inventory is a crucial first step towards making Hamilton a carbon neutral campus. With a record of where carbon emissions come from, members of the Hamilton community will be able to determine the most effective way to reduce those emissions. Published versions of the inventory should be a valuable tool for those who wish to do their part in attaining on-campus carbon neutrality.

The Inventory

Emissions by scope:

Carbon emissions can be created directly or indirectly. Electricity, for instance, is Hamilton's greatest source of carbon emissions, but exhaust does not leak from electric outlets whenever students charge their laptops. Rather, these carbon emissions are produced indirectly when a generating station off-campus burns oil or coal, producing the energy that charges laptops, lights up the Science Center, and sustains near-constant cell phone use. By definition of the Presidents' Climate Commitment, a college is responsible for its indirect emissions as well as its direct emissions. For this inventory, Hamilton's carbon emissions have been divided into three scopes based on whether they are direct or indirect.

29 percent of Hamilton's carbon emissions belong to Scope 1, which includes all direct emissions. Heating systems and emergency generators create direct emissions, as do any vehicles driven on campus.

61 percentof Hamilton's carbon emissions belong to Scope 2. Scope 2 is dedicated to indirect emissions from electricity alone.

Ten percent of Hamilton's carbon emissions belong to Scope 3. All indirect emissions besides electricity fall into Scope 3. Among these indirect sources are employee transportation and waste disposal.

Emissions by category:

Greenhouse gas emissions can also be tracked by specific categories such as electricity and heating. These categories are more familiar than scopes and highly useful when it comes to determining in precisely in what areas Hamilton can reduce its carbon emissions.

Electricity, the largest emissions source at Hamilton College, accounts for 61 percent of Hamilton's total carbon emissions. Electricity consumption has increased in the last 5 years by almost 5 million kilowatt-hours, with the largest jump occurring in 2005 with the opening of the new Science Center.

Currently, Hamilton purchases its energy from Hess, a private energy provider. Using a contract with Hess prevents inflation of energy prices, which would undermine the energy budget. Hamilton began purchasing from Hess in 2004, shifting its purchase of electrical supply from National Grid. Unfortunately, Hess' current energy mix is composed largely of coal (30 percent), natural gas (22 percent), and nuclear energy (25 percent). This mix contains .5 percent less sustainable energy than did the mix in 2003, as well as four percent less nuclear power and six percent less hydroelectric power. Even worse, the percentage of energy obtained from coal increased 12 percent over that of National Grid.

A concentration of existing hydroelectric power plants in the Upstate New York and New England region enables Hamilton's energy mix to have a percentage of hydroelectrically produced energy. However, Hamilton's current energy mix does not contain energy from sustainable sources other than hydropower, such as solar and wind power. By not purchasing any sustainable energy, Hamilton is currently neither decreasing its emissions nor supporting local sustainable energy ventures.

When the new fiscal year arrives, Hamilton will be able to change energy mixes to incorporate a larger percentage of sustainable energy. While this mix will be more expensive than the current one provided by Hess, it will enable Hamilton to significantly decrease its emissions and reduce the number of carbon offsets it will have to purchase each year.

Heating fuel, including natural gas and heating oil, accounts for 27 percent of Hamilton's total carbon emissions.

Long, cold winters contribute to the extensive burning of heating fuel at Hamilton, but nature is not the only culprit. Indeed, carbon emissions have risen, not fallen, as winters have warmed over the past several years. The root of the problem is that Hamilton's sprawling campus makes it difficult to heat buildings efficiently.

Some buildings on campus retain heat more effectively than others. New or renovated buildings require significantly less heating than older ones because the older buildings on which Hamilton prides itself are poorly insulated. They use large amounts of heating fuel because most of the energy used to heat them simply leaks through their walls as waste. Better-insulated buildings can help reduce Hamilton's carbon footprint. However, insulating buildings is pricy, and Hamilton officials aren't yet sure how to go about doing so.

Transportation accounts for nine percent of Hamilton's total carbon emissions: four percent from commuting, three percent from air travel, and two percent from fleet and athletic travel.

Although 44 percent of Hamilton's employees live within five miles of campus, 86 percent of faculty members cite "driving an automobile" as their primary mode of transportation to and from campus. Harsh winter weather may impair other modes of transportation, such as walking or riding a bicycle, during some parts of the year; but even during the winter, carpooling among faculty members could significantly reduce carbon emissions.

In 2007, fleet and athletic travel at Hamilton burned over 56,000 gallons of gasoline. The carbon emissions produced by this consumption could be reduced in two ways: directly, by reducing the number of miles traveled by these vehicles; or indirectly, by switching to a more sustainable type of fuel than gasoline or using more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Solid waste accounts for three percent of Hamilton's total carbon emissions. This count represents the gasoline used to carry solid waste to landfills and includes only garbage, not recycled material. Composting and further recycling at Hamilton would diminish Hamilton's total amount of waste, because it would involve recovering many materials rather than throwing them away.

Refrigerants account for less than one percent of Hamilton's total carbon emissions. This percentage is low because investigators counted refrigerant emissions only when systems leaked and refrigerants needed to be replaced. In disposing of equipment that uses refrigerants, Hamilton's Physical Plant recovers and either recycles or properly disposes of refrigerants such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs).

Implications

The findings of the Carbon Neutrality Committee reveal that Hamilton has a great deal to accomplish before it reaches carbon neutrality. Nevertheless, the college and administration have already completed several projects to begin to reduce campus emissions.

Most potential emissions reduction projects are currently in the discussion phase, but many will soon be put into action. Meanwhile, individual efforts continue to make a difference, so don't forget to turn off your lights and recycle that paper cup from Commons.

Events in space, on Earth, for summer 2008

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Space Shuttle Mission:

As the Space Shuttle program approaches its final launch in 2010, the highlight mission of the summer will make its first attempt to launch on August 28. Atlantis mission STS-125 will lift off from Launch Pad 39A in Cape Canaveral and will perform repairs on the Hubble Space Telescope, which just celebrated its 18th anniversary in orbit. The Shuttle will fly seven astronauts into space for the fifth and final servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope before its slated reentry in 2015. During the 11-day flight, the crew will repair and improve the observatory's capability to perform long-distance telescopic imaging; the Hubble has already become the most famous unmanned object in space due to the stunning pictures it has produced over the last decade and a half.

Looking at the Stars:

You don't need to be in space to see some of the action occurring there. Sky-watching will be excellent this summer. Venus has been a bright morning star all year but now begins the final act: crossing between Earth and the Sun on June 9, en route to evening star fame during the second half of 2008. Mars is fading as an evening star and gets lost in the glare of the sun during late summer. Jupiter rises to prominence during summer, ruling the evening sky from its perch in Sagittarius. Saturn is quickly setting with the sun during summer, passing near emerging Venus shortly after sunset on August 14. Another summer highlight will be the annual Perseid meteor shower, climaxing during the morning hours of August 12, moonlight and clouds allowing. Unfortunately the moon is nearly full in 2008, which swamps the view of fainter meteors. A second, nearly full lunar eclipse of the year occurs during the wee hours of August 16 from 3 a.m. until moonset and sunrise. It will be great viewing for an early riser, east of and close to Neptune.

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Greg Ray '08 and Tara Apo '10 were among the Hamilton students who stayed on the Hill to do research last summer. This summer, over fifty students will be staying.

Activism on Earth:

Back on this planet, diseases are rampant and there are constantly people working to do something about it. In 2007, 1.6 million people made their living as researchers and over a billion participated in some form of fundraising. From cancer dinners to telethons for Parkinson's, there are hundreds of ways for Hamilton College students to volunteer and raise money for researchers and patients dealing with deadly and debilitating disorders. In particular, walks for various disorders are easy and effective ways to raise money, and walks for autism in particular are becoming increasingly popular. In the United States alone, there will be over 150 walks for autism, a disorder that affects communication and 1.5 million Americans. From San Diego, California to Burlington, Vermont and from Hawaii to Alaska, there will be at least one autism walk in every state in America and Hamilton students will have the opportunity to participate in many of them.

On the Hill:

Just because the academic year is over, activity at Hamilton is not. Over fifty students will spend time on the Hill this summer doing research in areas as varied as carbohydrate chemistry and behavioral psychology. When *The Spectator* returns in the fall, look forward to reading about the Hamilton students who stayed on the hill this summer; in the meantime, keep apprised of the news in science and consider getting involved in local events that support health and discussions on issues in science, technology, and other issues that have intellectual interest to you.

EVERY GREAT ADVANCE IN SCIENCE HAS ISSUED FROM A NEW AUDACITY OF IMAGINATION.

~JOHN DEWEY

Did You Know That? *Wacky Facts: Random Delights*

by Elijah LaChance '10
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

- *If all major forms of cardiovascular disease were eliminated, human life expectance would increase by 9.78 years.*
- *A new survey of pillow primping practices indicates that 23 percent of people consider themselves "stackers;" 20 percent "plumpers;" 16 percent are "rollers;" 16 percent "cuddlers;" while the remainder are "smashers" and "crunchers."*
- *When a coffee seed is planted, it takes five years to yield consumable fruit.*
- *Treatment-resistant tuberculosis has been reported in 42 states and Washington, D.C., up from 13 states during the tuberculosis epidemic of the late 1980s and early 1990s.*
- *Pecans are the only food that astranauts do not have to treat and dehydrate when flying in space due to their exceptionally low moisture count.*
- *The typical American child watches 1,680 minutes of television per week (about two months a year). The same youth spends 38 minutes a week in meaningful conversation with his or her parents.*
- *Mexico City is sinking at a rate of 18 inches per year as a result of draining the water table for human consumption.*
- *The aqualung, a device for breathing under water, was invented by Jacques Cousteau and Emile Gagnan of the French Navy in 1943 so that "frogmen" could put mines under enemy ships.*
- *In 1994, scientists in Australia invented a way of removing fleece from sheep without shearing. They injected the sheep with a hormone, then wrapped them in hairnets. Three weeks later, the fleece could be peeled off the sheep by hand.*
- *Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.*
- *The white part of your fingernail is called the lunula.*
- *A two-bit moon is in the first quarter.*
- *Oak trees do not have acorns until they are fifty years old or older.*
- *The world record for passing gas was set on Japanese television. It is 3,000 times in a row.*
- *The permanent teeth that erupt to replace their primary predecessors (baby teeth) are called succedaneous teeth.*
- *Assuming Rudolph is in front, there are 40,320 ways to arrange the other eight reindeer.*
- *If you can see a rainbow you must have your back to the sun. If you don't, you can't see it.*
- *Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.*
- *The two most common surgeries are biopsies and cesarean sections.*
- *National Pi Day is March 14, starting at 1:59 (3/14 1:59).*
- *October 10 is National Metric Day.*

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SPORTS

Baseball team reaches double digits in win column

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

With the baseball season coming to a close, the Continentals put forth a valiant effort during the last two weeks of the year. The offense started clicking on all cylinders and the team had a chance to win based on their hitting success. Last Friday, Hamilton came across a very talented Skidmore team on the road. Yet they did not let Skidmore's 19 wins deter them from their goal of victory. Nine innings were not enough and the teams headed into extra innings off of a remarkable three run comeback by the Continentals in the final two innings of play.

Max Foster '10 delivered the pitching performance of a bonafide ace keeping the team in the game after surrendering two early runs to Skidmore. He lasted nine innings and struck out 11 of the 36 batters he faced in his third victory of the year. His control on the mound was tremendous, as he allowed only nine batters to reach base.

The game remained 2-0 in favor of Skidmore up to the top of the seventh inning when Hamilton scratched across a run on the base running by Joe Buicko '11 and the first triple of the year by Alex Augustyn '10. Buicko forced the issue by stealing second base and advanced to third on an error by the pitcher before coming home on the triple.

With three outs left in the game, the Continentals had to use timely hitting to tie and eventually take the lead in the ninth inning. Grady Vigneau '10 began the inning with a leadoff single and Tom Monfiletto '08 gave his body up for the team, getting hit by a pitch. Augustyn came through for the second consecutive plate appearance with an RBI single and Andrew Perkowski '10 came off the bench to deliver a sacrifice fly giving the team a 3-2 lead.

An error in the bottom of the ninth sent the game into extras where Hamilton continued to generate productive at-bats. Justin Atwood '11 singled home the game-winning run in the top half of the inning and then came on to close out the game on the mound with a 1-2-3 in the bottom half of the tenth.

Last Saturday, the team put on an offensive clinic against Union College. Six batters had multi-hit games and the middle of the order drove in 10 of the team's 11 runs for the game. Trailing by three heading into the fourth inning, the Continentals delivered with four runs to take the 4-3 lead. Atwood doubled to lead off the inning and he came home on Monfiletto's infield single. Augustyn tripled for the second day in a row driving in two runs and he eventually scored off a single up the middle by Michael Matt '11. Hamilton fell behind in the bottom of the inning, but came back in the fifth with more offensive firepower.

Dan Hood '08 hit his second single of the game and scored off of a single by Buicko with one out. Monfiletto drove home Atwood with a ground out to the right side of the infield giving the Continentals their second lead of the game. In the seventh inning, Vigneau homered for the first time this season and Augustyn had a sacrifice fly to give the team a four run lead. A costly error in the ninth inning allowed Union to tie the game and force extra innings. In the top half of the tenth, Hamilton hit three straight singles to take a two run advantage. Unfortunately Union was able to score three runs with two outs later in the inning to take the 12-11 victory. •

Gideon Clark '09 finished the season with a team-high .386 batting average. His 39 hits also led the team and he was perfect on the base paths with six steals in six chances. Dan Hood '08 brought his collegiate experience to the team both on and off the field. He drove in 18 RBIs with his bat and played effectively on defense at third base. On the mound Brendan Rafalski '09 and Jake Saidman '10 each won three games in eleven appearances to round out the rotation after Foster and Atwood finished the season as the closer, earning four saves. These statistical accomplishments helped Hamilton finish out a successful season.

The Continentals finished the year with the best record they have had since 2004 before any of the team's current players were here on the Hill. The team looks poised to make a big run next year in the NESCAC with a majority of its players coming back. The leadership offered by the six graduating seniors will definitely be missed, but the experience gained by the underclassmen will hopefully be able to make up for the loss. Look out for the Continentals next year as they look to expand on this year's success and translate their productivity into a championship caliber year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE BUICKO '11

Joe Buicko '11 helped the team break its all-time stolen base record this season.

Golf team ends in second place

Strong finish on second day erases two strokes off lead

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

After a difficult start to the fall season that included a tenth place finish at the Colgate Fall Invitational and twelfth place at the Williams Fall Invitational, the men's golf team was looking for a break. Fortunately for the Continentals, their luck turned at the perfect time, as they hung on to capture fourth place at the NESCAC qualifying tournament at the end of September, which allowed them a chance to qualify for the NCAA nationals in the spring.

Since Trinity College came away as the victor at the fall NESCAC tournament, they were entitled to host the spring iteration. As one of four teams in the competition, Hamilton headed down to Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington, CT, to square off against the best that the NESCAC had to offer: Trinity, Williams, and Middlebury. On April 26 and 27, the Continentals played the short 6,329 yard course to the best of their ability.

On the first day, Brad Roche '11 and Jeff Corbett '09 led the squad, as they both fired 76's. Dan Treichler '08 and Dave Christie '09 followed with 77's, and Phil Preiss '10 rounded out the scoring with an 83. The combined score of 306 left Hamilton alone in third place, three strokes behind Middlebury and 15 behind Williams. Knowing they had an uphill climb ahead of them, the Continentals simply focused on playing well on day two.

Helping the team to make good on that goal was Treichler, whose 72 in the second round tied for the second best score of anyone at the tournament. Corbett was close behind with a 73, and Roche carded a 75. Christie proved consistent with another 77, and the team's combined score of 297 for the second round proved to be the best of any team.

Although the Continentals played the best in the second round, it was not enough to catch Williams, who finished with a two-day total of 590, 13 strokes ahead of Hamilton. Middlebury scored a 300 in the second round, leaving the Panthers tied with the Continentals in the combined score. The tie-breaker, which was the score in the second round of the fifth golfer for each team, went in Hamilton's favor, as Preiss shot a 78 to beat Middlebury's fifth by one stroke.

While the second place finish was not exactly what the Continentals were expecting, they certainly could not be disappointed with their effort this year, and in particular the spring season. Playing against some of the best teams in the Northeast, the team more than held its own, delivering quality performance time after time. However, the team will miss the strong play and leadership from Treichler and Mike Hayes '08. The future does look bright, as the team seven players, including Roche, Corbett, and Christie, will be returning to the team next year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF CORBETT '09

Jeff Corbett '09 drives the ball to the fairway in route to a 73.

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Women's Lacrosse goes 17-1; will host NCAAs

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

The Hamilton Women's Lacrosse team began their season strong and have kept up the momentum all the way through to the post-season. The Lady Continentals are currently riding a 13-game winning streak and are ranked No. 4 in the nation. After hosting and winning the Liberty League Championship tournament, the team earned the honor of hosting the NCAA Division III Regional play-offs this Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Hamilton finished out the regular season with three Liberty League opponents, beginning with University of Rochester on April 22. The Lady Continentals took advantage of their free position shots, converting five of nine, while the Yellow Jackets went zero for two. Kaillie Briscoe '09 and Audrey Nebergall '10 each had four goals. Liz Rave '10 had three goals, Jen McGowan '08, Kate Marek '08, Nicole Tetreault '08, Sarah Bray '11 each had two, and Catie Gibbons '09 added one. Kate Fowler '10 spent the game in goal and finished with seven saves. The Lady Continentals had another double-figures win, beating the Yellow Jackets 20-9.

The team traveled to Rensselaer on April 25, and pulled off yet another stunning win. The Lady Continentals out-shot the Red Hawks a whopping 40-7, and maintained a 24-7 ground ball advantage. Rensselaer committed ten turnovers each half, and fell to Hamilton 16-3. McGowan, Marek, Bray and Rave all scored three goals, and Tetreault had two. Nebergall and Anne Graveley '11 each put in one, while Briscoe added five assists.

To round out their season of domination and finish undefeated in the Liberty League, the Lady Continentals traveled to Vassar the next day. The scoring effort was spread out amongst nine players: Rave had four, Briscoe and Bray each had three, McGowan finished with two, and Nebergall, Graveley, Marek, Tetreault and Laura Stern '11 all contributed one goal. Hamilton controlled 17 of 21 draws, and took 44 shots to the Brewers' six. Fowler only had to make two saves in goal, and the Continentals coasted to a 17-2 win.

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Hamilton Women's Lacrosse won the Liberty League Championship Game on May 3.

Hamilton proceeded to dominate the Liberty League 2008 All-Star Team. Briscoe, Marek, McGowan and Gibbons were named to the First Team. Tetreault took the highest award for a player in the league when she was named Player of the Year for the second straight season. Following a vote by other league coaches, Head Coach Patty Kloidt and assistants Amanda Nobis and Mackay Rippey received Coaching Staff of the Year honors. Rave was named to the second team, while Bray and Fowler and Katie White '08 were given honorable mention.

With a perfect 8-0 Liberty League record and a 17-1-0 regular season record, the Lady Continentals were picked as the undisputed hosts of the Liberty League Championship Tournament. Three other teams, St. Lawrence (no. 4 seed), William Smith (no. 3 seed) and Union (no. 2 seed), also competed. In the first day of competition, Hamilton took on St. Lawrence. As the defending tournament champions, the Lady Continentals did not disappoint. They out-shot the Saints 39-14 and converted three of six free position shots. The no. 4 nationally ranked Lady Continentals scored one more point than their last victory over St. Lawrence, and pulled off a 19-4 win.

The same day, Union beat William Smith 10-5, and so on May 3 the Lady Continentals faced Union in the Championship Final game. A crowd of nearly 600 fans were treated to a close game between two teams who have faced each other for the past three years in the championship. Union held a two ground ball advantage, but in the end Hamilton pulled off an 11-10 win to earn the Liberty League Championship Tournament title.

On May 5 two Hamilton players were honored by the Liberty League. McGowan received the honor of Offensive Performer of the Week. Tara Eckberg '08 was named co-Defensive Performer of the Week.

As a result of their stellar season, the Hamilton women's lacrosse team has been afforded the opportunity to host the NCAA Division III Regional Semifinals beginning on May 10. The team received a bye into the second round of the tournament. President Joan Hinde Stewart has graciously agreed to cover the entrance fees for the entire Hamilton community. There is no reason not to come out on Saturday at 11:30 to witness some Hamilton lacrosse in action!

Track and Field finishes with championship success

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREG FULLMAN '09

Peter Kosgei '10 won NESCAC Track and Field Performer of the Year and was named to the NESCAC All-Conference Team for the second consecutive year.

NESCAC Results:

Peter Kosgei '10 broke his own school record in the 800 m run and captured his second first place medal of the meet during the 1500 m race.

James Russell '09 finished in first place in the pole vault for the third straight year.

Akilhah Bond '09 continued her dominance in the triple jump with another first place finish.

State Championship Results:

For the second consecutive race, Kosgei broke the school record in the 800 m run and broke the meet record, which had stood for over 28 years.

Bond ended her season second in the triple jump.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE MUERER '11

Kary Pardy '08 made the NESCAC All Conference Team. She placed second in NESCACs for the hammer throw.